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GLICKMAN STATEMENT ON THE REPEAL OF BAHAMAS' COMPULSORY LICENSE

Washington, D.C. – Motion Picture Association of America, (MPAA) Inc. Chairman and CEO Dan Glickman made the following statement on the Government of the Bahamas' recent decision to repeal the Bahamas' compulsory license for encrypted pay television signals.

“The MPAA welcomes the Government of the Bahamas' recent decision to repeal the Bahamas' compulsory license for encrypted pay television signals. This move will bring the Bahamas into conformance with accepted international practice and will also strengthen the commercial relationship between the United States and the Bahamas. The MPAA is grateful to Ambassador Ron Kirk and Chairman Howard Berman for their tireless efforts to improve intellectual property rights conditions around the world to the benefit of both the U.S. creative industries and consumers. This success stems from the recent intervention of both the Ambassador and the Chairman in a decade-long engagement with the Bahamas to ensure that U.S. rights holders are compensated for their work. Both leaders have shown tremendous dedication to protecting intellectual property rights and ensuring creators get fair and adequate compensation for their works.”

About the MPAA

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) serves as the voice and advocate of the American motion picture, home video and television industries from its offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

Its members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLLP; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

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