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ALTERNATE GREEN LIT FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION

South Australian Film Corporation and Screen Australia announced today production investment for writer/director Anthony Garland's feature film debut *Alternate*.

The high-concept sci-fi thriller will be produced by Anna Vincent (*Demonic, <u>I Am Mother</u>*), Ali Mueller (*Category Five, Ophelia*) and Anita Gou (*The Farewell, Honey Boy*), with executive producer Timothy White (<u>I Am Mother</u>, *The Luminaries*). Principal production is set to begin at Adelaide Studios in 2020.

Set in a high-rise office building, *Alternate* follows an overworked young executive who goes back in time four hours to save his girlfriend from being killed.

Writer/director **Anthony Garland** said, "This is a personal film that presents as a suspense thriller. Ali and Anita have been fiercely supportive collaborators from the beginning and are great champions for this story and for telling it in the right way. We have strong partners in Anna and Tim, as well as the support of Screen Australia. I'm incredibly grateful for the team and the opportunity."

Producer **Anna Vincent** commented, "Ali and Anthony have developed a project that literally jumps off the page. It's a privilege to work with them both, and we're enormously appreciative to both Screen Australia and the South Australian Film Corporation for their support."

Screen Australia's Head of Content, **Sally Caplan** said, "We are thrilled to support another South Australian production in the very capable hands of SLA Films, off the back of a record year of drama expenditure in South Australia."

CEO of the South Australian Film Corporation **Kate Croser** said, "Adelaide Studios is the perfect location to shoot this mind-bending sci-fi thriller and SAFC is proud to support South Australia's SLA Films as they champion the work of a distinctive new cinematic voice in Anthony Garland."

Garland is making his feature film writing and directorial debut following his successful shorts *Ophelia* and *They Grow Up*, which both played LA Shorts Fest where *Ophelia* was selected as Best of Fest.

Alternate is a SLA Films and Lady A Pictures production. Major production investment from Screen Australia in association with the South Australian Film Corporation. Financed with support from the Adelaide Film Festival Fund. Rialto Distribution will distribute in Australia and New Zealand.

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