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## Shoreline puts some English on foreign pics

By Carl DiOrio

Shoreline Entertainment has teamed with German film scout and finance specialist Bjorn Puckler to create Shoreline Management, which will specialize in offering English-speaking writers and directors to foreign producers.

Puckler will supervise daily operations of the unit and oversee deals negotiated between individuals and companies in the U.S. and abroad.

"There are many international production companies producing English-language films that require English-speaking writers

and directors," Shoreline Entertainment chief Morris Ruskin said. "Shoreline Management is determined to fill that need."

The company also will work on a nonexclusive basis to guide regional and international talent into regional and Hollywood projects, officials said.

Initial clients at Shoreline Management include writer-director Jim Kouf, whose screenplay credits include "Rush Hour" and the "National Treasure" films. British writer-director Ray Gower ("Dark Corners") and multihyphenate Peter Koller ("On Evil Grounds") also have signed up for representation. **THR**

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