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Village Roadshow Exits Thailand, Malaysia and India

Village Roadshow Limited today announced that it had reached agreement to sell its 50% interest in its Thailand circuit, which covers 79 screens across 9 sites. The purchaser is associated with Village Roadshow's joint venture partner in Thailand.

Village Roadshow further announced it had agreed to sell its 25% interest in its Malaysian circuit, which includes an interest in 44 screens across 6 sites. Village Roadshow has agreed to sell its share of the circuit to Tanjong Entertainment Sdn Bhd, Golden Harvest (its joint venture partners) and interests associated with Mr Robert Kwok.

Village Roadshow has also agreed to sell its 40% interest in its Indian cinema circuit to its joint venture partner in India. The joint venture operates 4 cinemas comprising 12 screens.

Managing Director Graham Burke commented, "I am very pleased to announce the sale of our interests in Thailand, Malaysia and India, which were territories identified for sale under our strategic review. Today, Village operates cinemas in 12 territories having successfully exited from eight, and we move a step closer to operating only in core territories where we have critical mass.

"We are now completing the restructure of our Exhibition division which will see us operating a more efficient and lean business. Our simplified operating and management structure is well in place and will drive the business to new successes. Our goal continues to be the pursuit of strong returns on funds employed from each territory we operate in."

The sales will be completed before the end of this financial year. The sale of Thailand will give rise to a small loss against the carrying value and the proceeds from the sale of Malaysia and India are in line with the book value of Village Roadshow's investment.