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## **Real Lava, the premium international documentary production house, wins two awards at the Sundance Film Festival with “The Territory”**

**Launched in December 2021 by Newen Studios and the Danish producer Sigrid Dyekjaer, Real Lava already meets great success with its first production “The Territory”.**

The first documentary film of the recently created production house receives **2 awards for “The Territory” at the Sundance Film Festival: World Cinema Documentary Audience Award & Special Jury Award for Documentary Craft.**

1730 feature documentaries had been submitted at Sundance this year.

**National Geographic Documentary Films** have also just announced that they have purchased the rights to the “The Territory”.

“The Territory” **provides an immersive on-the-ground look at the tireless fight of the Indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau people** against the encroaching deforestation brought by illegal settlers and an association of non-native farmers in the Brazilian Amazon. With awe-inspiring cinematography showcasing the titular landscape, and richly textured sound design, the film takes audiences deep into the Uru-eu-wau-wau community, and provides unprecedented access to the settlers illegitimately clearing land and a network of desperate farmers advocating for access to colonize the protected rainforest. Partially shot by the Uru-eu-wau-wau people, the film uses vérité-style footage, captured over three years, as the activists risk their lives to set up their own news media team in the hopes of exposing the truth.

**Based in Copenhagen (Denmark), the new company Real Lava is a premium international documentary production house**, owned by the European production group, Newen Studios, and the Oscar nominated, Emmy and Peabody Winner, Sigrid Dyekjaer. Real Lava produces ambitious documentary films and series for a large international audience with a cinematic execution and high artistic value.

Produced by Sigrid Dyekjaer, Darren Aronofsky, Will N.Miller, Lizzie Gillett and Gabriel Uchida, “The Territory” (83 minutes) is directed by Alex Pritz.

**For Sigrid Dyekjaer**, the film's main producer and head of Real Lava : **“One could not imagine a better start for Real Lava. We have not only secured the film a global distribution but also made it possible to carry out a comprehensive impact campaign**, where we focus on the enormous challenges and consequences that deforestation in the Amazon entails, not least for the climate.”

**Philippe Levasseur**, Newen Studios' Head of International adds: *“We couldn't imagine a brighter start for Real Lava. This documentary matches all we are aiming at: very high-end execution, impactful topic, combination of very experienced and more junior talents, and now*

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two super prestigious awards. **Sigrid has developed an impressive slate of projects so be ready for more Real Lava documentaries soon in the same range. This is just the beginning!**"

### **About Newen Studios**

Newen Studios, a subsidiary of the TF1 group, is a major fast growing European player in audiovisual production and distribution, with a multi-genre strategy (drama, film, animation, TV movie, documentary, non-scripted...).

Deeply rooted in 8 countries, the group has more than 30 talented production labels and a passionate overall team of 600 people each bringing their unique expertise.

Shows produced by Newen Studios are exported globally alongside a curated slate of third party programming, thanks to its distribution subsidiary Newen Connect whose activities help to shine a light on European content.

### **About Sigrid Dyekjaer**

Sigrid Dyekjaer has produced more than 30 documentary films including the Oscar nominated documentary "The Cave" (2020) by Feras Fayyad for which she won an Emmy for best producer and a Peabody Award. She's won numerous awards including Best Producer at Cinema Eye (2020). Other notable titles include "The Kingmaker" (2020), Scandinavian Star (2020) and "Aquarela" (2018) by Victor Kossakovsky.

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