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May 13, 2008 - Anne McDermid and Associates Ltd, in association with Lesley Thorne of Aitken Alexander Associates Limited, are pleased to announce that THE KILLING CIRCLE, Andrew Pyper's fourth novel, has been acquired for adaptation to feature film by the London-based Cowboy Films, in association with Brilliant Films, with Justin Chadwick attached to direct.

Charles Steel and Alasdair Flind are the overseeing producers at Cowboy Films, which produced the Oscar-winning THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND, starring James McAvoy and Forest Whitaker, based on the novel by Giles Foden. Rory Gilmartin is the principal at Brilliant Films.

Justin Chadwick is the award-winning director of the BBC mini-series adaptation of Dickens' BLEAK HOUSE, and THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL, starring Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson, based on the bestselling novel by Philippa Gregory. He is at work on a film based on the novel BIRDSONG by Sebastian Faulks.

THE KILLING CIRCLE is a gripping story about a failed writer desperate for literary fame, whose ambition turns to horror as the members of his writing circle begin to disappear one by one. The novel is published in Canada by Doubleday Canada on August 5th, in the U.K. by HarperCollins on the same date, and in the US by St. Martin's/Thomas Dunne Books on September 16th. Foreign rights to the novel have already been sold to Germany, Holland, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

Andrew Pyper is the author of the bestselling novels LOST GIRLS (selected as a *Globe and Mail*, *New York Times*, *London Evening Standard* Best Book of the Year), THE TRADE MISSION (*Toronto Star* Ten Best Books of the Year), and THE WILDFIRE SEASON (*Globe and Mail* Best Books of the Year). LOST GIRLS is in development for feature film with Toronto-based producer Steven Hoban (SPLICE, GINGER SNAPS, Oscar-winning RYAN), with Andrew Pyper attached as screenwriter. THE WILDFIRE SEASON is also under option for film with L.A.-based producer Chris Moore (GOOD WILL HUNTING, AMERICAN PIE).