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GLASGOW SOON TO WELCOME FILMING OF WORLD WAR Z

The major film production, *World War Z*, will be on location in Glasgow between 15 - 31 August.

The decision to film in Glasgow was taken after the production met with Glasgow City Council's Glasgow Film Office.

The production will involve almost 1200 people when on location in Glasgow during the second half of August, and the impact on the local economy is likely to be well in excess of £2million.

Glasgow Film Office has been working with the film over the past few months to help secure locations in the city and to ensure that arrangements are in place with council departments.

Residents and businesses in areas where filming will take place (Cochrane Street, George Square and other city locations) have already been consulted with by the film's production office and have been notified of the filming and production details.

Councillor Gordon Matheson, Leader of Glasgow City Council, said: "We are ready to welcome the *World War Z* production to Glasgow. There is great anticipation in the city ahead of such a huge film coming here. We look forward to working with all those involved in the production to ensure that everything goes as smoothly as possible later this month. "

Michael Harm, Location Manager for *World War Z*, said: "We have been working very closely with the council and local residents and businesses. The positive feedback and support we are getting from all corners together with a real buzz of excitement around the city is terrific. We had 7000 people attending the open casting for background artists. We are really looking forward to making this a success for both the city of Glasgow and the film."

The film production and Glasgow City Council have been communicating with local residents and business to explain the changes that will take place during filming.

Glasgow is the centre of the film and television production industry in Scotland, one which has contributed £150million to the city's economy over the last decade. Glasgow has consistently been best the performing city/region within Scotland, providing approximately half of the annual total national spend.

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Notes to Editors

As a result of the filming of *World War Z*, there will be motorist and pedestrian restrictions at various times from midnight on 15 August - midnight on 31 August.

Road closures

The following streets around the City Chambers and George Square will be closed to motorists; Cochrane Street; South Frederick Street; Hanover Street; George Square (north side of the Square from North Hanover Street, east and south side); North Frederick Street (from George Square to Martha Street); George Street (from George Square to John Street); and North Hanover Street from the junction with George Square.

Motorists will get access to Queen Street Station for south and northbound traffic. North Hanover Street southbound traffic is closed from Queen Street Station onwards. Access northbound from George Square is unaffected except Sundays 21 and 28 August when George Square will be closed.

Pedestrian restrictions

Pedestrians will have access to all routes throughout filming although they may be asked to stop by security marshalls for a very short time when cameras are rolling.

Further details will be available at www.glasgow.gov.uk / www.glasgowfilm.com.

Glasgow Film Office (GFO) is the film commission for Glasgow. The GFO offers a free service to all productions wanting to film in the city - from features, television, commercials to short films, music videos and much more. GFO works closely with council departments, Strathclyde Police and productions to ensure that all filming activity occurs with the minimum impact on the everyday life of citizens and businesses of Glasgow while delivering the maximum economic impact. In 2009, Gerard Butler was named Glasgow Film Office Ambassador to help raise the profile of Glasgow and demonstrate the city's capability as a production base.

Since its inception, GFO has supported a host of award-winning British films from Andrea Arnold's critically acclaimed *Red Road* to numerous Ken Loach productions including *The Angels' Share* which is currently filming in the city. On top of this GFO has attracted large scale international productions to the city from feature films like *House of Mirth* - featuring Gillian Anderson and Dan Ackroyd - Warner Brothers' *The Jacket* - starring Keira Knightley and Adrien Brody - and Universal Pictures' *Doomsday* with Bob Hoskins.

Recently, Glasgow hosted Peter Mullan's latest feature *Neds* and the forthcoming feature films *Perfect Sense* starring Ewan McGregor & Eva Green, and *The Decoy Bride* starring David Tennant.