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***Taken*: all-time record Best opening figures ever for a French film in the United States**

Paris, 3rd February 2009 – With box-office receipts of 24.6 million dollars (*source: Variety*), the film produced by EuropaCorp and distributed by 20th Century Fox has been the subject of an exceptional opening, grabbing top spot in the US box-office rankings this weekend. *Taken* also recorded the second-best release figures ever seen in the US for a Super Bowl weekend, as well as the best ever start for a French film for its opening weekend in the United States.

Released 11 months ago in France, where it recorded over a million cinema admissions, *Taken* has since been distributed across 43 other territories in 2008, totalling box office receipts of 69 million dollars, prior to its release in the United States (*source: boxofficemojo.com*).

Taken, directed by Pierre Morel and starring Liam Neeson and Famke Janssen, is an action-packed thriller that relates the adventures of a retired American secret agent who is prepared to do anything it takes to get back his daughter, who has been kidnapped by a gang in Paris.

Just weeks after the worldwide success of *Transporter 3*, EuropaCorp has again shown its unique knowhow in Europe when it comes to dreaming up and producing films that can compete with the major American film studios. To date, *Taken* and *Transporter 3* are the two French films released in 2008 that have totalled the largest number of cinema admissions worldwide.

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