



Assamese filmmaker's film is amongst 14 international finalists at the prestigious Co-Production Market at Film Bazaar

Shiladitya Bora's Minefield to compete with the likes of Mira Nair for the coveted Best Project Award

Mumbai, November 2014: The 14 international projects to be showcased in the eighth edition of the Film Bazaar Co-Production Market include two films from the US, two from Sri Lanka, a film from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Norway, France, Germany, Singapore and United Kingdom and an IFP project which is selected through NFDC collaboration with Independent Filmmaker Project, USA.

Film Bazaar has played a crucial role in mentoring a new Indian cinematic sensibility. This has resulted in titles such as the NFDC co-produced *The Lunchbox* which was picked up by Sony Pictures Classics. Similarly, titles that traveled well on the international festival circuit include *Ship of Theseus* and more recently *Titli* (which premiered at Cannes this year) and *Margarita with a Straw* (which played at Toronto).

Shiladitya Bora who hails from Jorhat in Assam will be making his directorial debut with this international project titled *Minefield*. The film boasts of some heavyweight producers, namely internationally acclaimed Sri Lankan filmmaker Prasanna Vithanage, Deepak Sharma – COO, PVR Pictures, Manish Mundra etc. The film will be shot by eminent cinematographer Rajeev Ravi with films like *Gangs Of Wasseypur*, *Bombay Velvet*, *Gulal* etc. Multiple National Award winning editor A. Sreekar Prasad known for most of Mani Ratnam's films will be editing the film.

Minefield is a political thriller based on the true accounts of a Liberation Tiger of Tamil Elam functionary who was an avid film buff. The film will be based on his personal narrative as told to the filmmaker. The film will be shot in actual locations in Northern Province, Jaffna, once LTTE capital Killinochi and Colombo.

Profile - Shiladitya Bora:

After being involved with PVR Cinemas as a freelancer for around a year, Shiladitya finally came on board Team PVR in February 2011. At PVR he single handedly conceptualized, managed and built PVR Director's Rare, the alternate programming initiative and limited release banner of the PVR Group. Shiladitya has been involved with the theatrical distribution

and marketing of more than 81 films which included tent pole blockbusters, critically acclaimed Indian and international Indies, award winning documentaries as well short film packages.

Shiladitya is also involved as a Co-Producer in 2 upcoming projects – an English collaborative feature X (in post production) starring Rajat Kapoor, Anshuman Jha, Huma Qureshi, Radhika Apte etc and a Bengali – Hindi feature called City Of Dark starring Sabyasachi Chakrabarty.

Minefield will be his debut as a director.

An alumnus of the prestigious Mudra Institute of Communications Ahmedabad (MICA) Shiladitya has been one of the six finalists from India in the SCREEN category in the British Council Young Creative Entrepreneur Awards and had also been invited by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad to share his views on contemporary film industry business.