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Production of Disney's *Tomorrowland* Responsible for \$91.9 Million in Spending, Over 1,800 Jobs in British Columbia

VANCOUVER, BC – May 21, 2015 – A new analysis released today outlines the tremendous economic impact for BC residents and businesses generated by the filming of Disney's *Tomorrowland*.

The analysis by MNP LLP assesses the economic impact of the filming of *Tomorrowland* in BC and finds that the film supported over 1,800 full time equivalent jobs (FTEs) and was responsible for \$91.9 million in direct production expenditure in the province. Between August 2013 and January 2014 alone, the production engaged over 1,100 vendors in 67 communities across BC.

The production received approximately \$21.8 million in support through BC tax incentives (an additional \$4.6 million in tax incentives from the federal and other provincial governments). The investment by the province of BC is estimated to have resulted in the following economic benefits:

- \$6.96 in economic output for every dollar of BC tax incentive received by the production.
- \$5.22 in provincial GDP for every dollar of BC tax incentive received by the production.
- 85 full-time equivalent positions for every \$1 million of BC tax incentive received by the production.

"BC offered some of the world's most spectacular scenery to the filmmakers creating the world of *Tomorrowland*, and *Tomorrowland* brought a boost to local economies across BC" said Wendy Noss, Executive Director of the Motion Picture Association – Canada. "From sets built in a field in the North Okanagan, to filming at stages, schools, parks, and landmarks throughout Vancouver, the production of Tomorrowland benefitted a wide range of BC businesses and residents. *Tomorrowland* is a great example of the kind of employment opportunities and substantial economic benefits generated by film and television production throughout beautiful British Columbia."

The movie opens in theatres tomorrow and local residents, cast, and crew will celebrate the production tonight with a special advance screening hosted by Disney at the Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver.

To read the MNP analysis, <u>click here.</u>
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