



### **UTV joins hands again with Director N. Lingusamy for ANJAAN starring South Superstar Suriya**

**Chennai, 14 January 2014:** UTV Motion Pictures today announced their association with Director N. Lingusamy's Thirrupathi Brothers to co-produce their next blockbuster starring South Superstar **Suriya** titled **Anjaan** (Fearless) along with a great ensemble cast which includes Vidyut Jamwal, Samantha, Manoj Bajpai, Dalip Tahil, Brahmanandam with other leading artistes.

"We are extremely delighted to continue our strong relationship with N. Lingusamy's Thirrupathi Brothers after our two successful films -*Vettai* and *Ivan Veramaathiri*. We look forward to working with South Superstar Suriya and are confident that the movie will be a huge mass entertainer and certainly one to look out for in 2014", said **G. Dhananjayan, Chief – South Business, Studios, Disney UTV.**

"We share a great relationship with UTV and our co-productions with them through our banner Thirrupathi Brothers, in the past have been highly successful. We value their support & understanding and happy to co-produce our next film Suriya's **Anjaan** with them. The studio brings in great professional support, marketing talent and distribution strength with which they back every movie. The film is being directed in never seen before locations with huge sets and an ensemble of top artistes. The film is going to be a total mass entertainer with a new theme and I am confident it will greatly appeal to the audience when it releases in August 2014," said writer-director **N. Lingusamy.**

The film will have cinematography from ace cameraman Santosh Sivan, music by Yuvan Shankar Raja, editing by Anthony, Art Direction by Rajeevan and is written & directed by N. Lingusamy (of super hit films *Anandam*, *Run*, *Sandakozhi*, *Bheema*, *Paiyya* and *Vettai*).

The film produced by UTV Motion Pictures along with N. Lingusamy's Thirrupathi Brothers recently completed its first schedule of 35 days of shooting in Mumbai and the second schedule is commencing in January end in Goa post which it will move to various locations across Maharashtra. The entire film will be shot in locations outside of Tamil Nadu. It will be a start to finish film for Suriya, who is totally focusing on this project with a smart new look.

The film is slated to release in Tamil and Telugu languages in August 2014.

### **Disney UTV Studios**

Bringing together the best of both worlds, The Walt Disney Studios and UTV Motion Pictures have formed one of the leading film studios in India. The studio's activities span across creative development, production, marketing, distribution, licensing, merchandising and syndication of films in India and worldwide.

UTV Motion Pictures as a dominant player in the Indian film industry has been in the forefront of bringing Indian films to a global audience and the last decade in Indian cinema has seen UTV delivering some of the most iconic films including *Swades*, *Rang De Basanti*, *Jodhaa Akbar*, *A Wednesday*, *Dev D*, *Khosla Ka Ghosla*, *The Namesake*, *Life in a Metro*, *Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!*, *Fashion*, *Kaminey*, *No One*

Killed Jessica, Raajneeti, Udaan, Peepli Live, Delhi Belly, Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu, Paan Singh Tomar, Rowdy Rathore, Barfi!, Heroine, Race 2, AnyBody Can Dance (ABCD), Kai Po Che!, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani and more recently Ship of Theseus, Chennai Express, Satyagraha, Shahid and The Lunchbox.

The studio has to its credit 4 films in the last 7 years to have been selected to represent India at the Academy awards; Rang De Basanti (2006), Harishchandrachi Factory (2009), Peepli Live (2010) and Barfi! (2012). In 2011, UTV also became one of the few studios to successfully venture into South Indian cinema with *Deiva Thirumagal* and *Muran*, and has had a successful run so far with *Vettai*, *Masala Café*, *Mugamoodi*, *Thaandavam*, *Settai* and *Theeya Velai Seiyyanum Kumaru* in Tamil, and *Grandmaster and Husbands in Goa* in Malayalam. UTV has a library of over 80 films including Hindi, Regional, Animation and International Productions, which have been showcased in over 50 festivals across 28 countries, receiving almost 350 awards in the last 7 years.

The Walt Disney Studios has seen unprecedented box office success in India in 2012 with MARVEL's The Avengers which was distributed and marketed in India by UTV Motion Pictures. The film emerged as the 4th highest grosser of all-time amongst Hollywood films in India. Iron Man 3 released in 2013 is by far the highest Hollywood grosser this year. Prior to this, Cars 2 and Pirates of the Caribbean 4 released in 2011 and were the biggest animation and live action titles of all time for Disney in the country. In 2010, Prince of Persia became the highest grossing western film in India that year. Earlier, Disney released its first live action Hindi feature Do Dooni Chaar in 2010 and subsequently after the success of the film, released Anaganaga-O-Dheerudu, a Telugu feature targeted at the southern audiences and second Hindi live-action film Zokkomon.

Coming up is an inimitable slate with films like P.K., Shaatir in Hindi, Anjaan, Purambokku in Tamil, Captain America: The Winter Solider , Saving Mr. Banks in English and many more.

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