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SCREEN MEDIA TAPS 'WATER'

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Indie distrib banner Screen Media Ventures has picked up all domestic rights to the CG-animated "Mee-Shee: The Water Giant," which features voice talent including Bruce Greenwood and Rena Owen.

Film Sales Co. repped the pic, budgeted at around \$25 million and produced by Rainer Mockert and Barry Authors.

John Henderson helmed from a

script by Authors.

With *fix* by Jim Henson's Creature Shop, family adventure follows an 8-year-old who discovers a Loch Ness Monster-type creature and must protect the beast from poachers.

Screen Media has a homevid pact with Universal Studios Home Entertainment.

Banner's upcoming releases include the Brian Jones biopic "Stoned," directed by Stephen Woolley.