

THE *Hollywood* **REPORTER**

FIP cashes in on 'Green' pic

By Gregg Goldstein

Nov 7, 2006

First Independent Pictures has acquired U.S. distribution rights for the Douglas Coupland-scripted comedy "Everything's Gone Green" and nabbed Australian/New Zealand and South African sales rights at the American Film Market.

The Shoreline Entertainment comedy, directed by Paul Fox, stars Paulo Costanzo as a slacker who falls into a money-laundering scheme, leading him to great wealth and a moral dilemma.

First Independent is set to distribute the film theatrically in the spring. Lakeshore Records plans to release the soundtrack.

"Green" is the first original feature screenplay for Coupland, best known for his book "Generation X."

"I've known (Shoreline CEO) Morris (Ruskin) since he co-produced 'Glengarry Glen Ross,' and we've always seen eye to eye on material," First Independent president Gary Rubin said. "We've wanted to work together for a long time, and 'Everything's Gone Green' is the perfect chance for us to do so."

First Independent recently released "Edmond" from writer David Mamet.

The deal was negotiated by Shoreline director of worldwide sales Sam Eigen with First Independent's Rubin.