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FIP, Magnolia hit 'Moving' target

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NEW YORK -- First Independent Pictures and Magnolia Home Entertainment are acquiring North American rights to the road comedy "Moving McAllister" starring Mila Kunis, Jon Heder and Rutger Hauer.

Producer-screenwriter-financier Ben Gourley stars as Rick Robinson, an ambitious Miami law firm intern who helps the top partner (Hauer) by moving his attractive niece (Kunis) across the country. With just five days before his bar exam, Robinson must cope with many time-slowng distractions, including a hitchhiker (Heder) and an attraction to his off-limits road partner.

Jason Faller, Kynan Griffin, T.R. Gourley and Maclain Nelson also produced the feature, which was directed by Andrew Black ("Pride and Prejudice"). It begins a platform rollout Sept. 14 in select cities.

"We were after this hysterical and touching film since (the 2006 American Film Market) and are also quite pleased to have made an alliance for this picture with Magnolia Home Entertainment," FIP president Gary Rubin said.

Other FIP releases include "Edmond," starring William H. Macy and Julia Stiles, and "The Great New Wonderful," starring Maggie Gyllenhaal and Edie Falco.

Rubin, director of acquisitions Allison Wolf and attorney Shelley Surpin negotiated on behalf of FIP. Magnolia Pictures senior vp Tom Quinn, head of business and legal affairs Jason Janego and home video division head Randy Wells negotiated for MHE. TriCoast International heads Ami Artzi, Strath Hamilton and Marcy Levitas Hamilton negotiated for Gourley's company Revel Entertainment.