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POST PRODUCTION

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Park Road Post Production invites aspiring film makers into industry training programme

Wellington, New Zealand: Park Road Post Production, the award-winning facility behind the *Lord of the Rings* and *Hobbit* trilogies, is joining up with New Zealand's film and digital industry training institutions to offer aspiring film makers an advanced industry training programme.

The industry intensive programme offers hands-on experience and is designed to help participants fast-track their development in film and television post production, learning alongside Academy-Award winning engineers, technical practitioners and artists in a world-class post production facility.

The 10-day programme was launched in 2016 attracting both international and New Zealand students.

Participants work in small groups gaining an in-depth understanding of sound and picture essentials including picture conform and grading, sound editing and mixing and VFX. It gives students one-on-one attention from experts in visual and sound techniques.

Park Road is teaming up with three industry training institutions - Media Design School, New Zealand Broadcasting School and South Seas Film & Television School, with each supporting two students to take part.

Cameron Harland, Park Road's CEO, says the industry intensive grew out of the company's work supporting industry development and talent and is exposing up and coming film makers to industry practices, professionals and opportunities.

"From our first programme last year we have seen participants go on to secure jobs in the screen industry so it is proving valuable as a practical development opportunity.

"We are also delighted to have the support of these three training organisations so that their students can also access this opportunity."

The 2017 programme will run from September 4 to 15.

For more information about the education programme, visit: www.parkroad.co.nz

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About Park Road:

Park Road Post Production is an internationally renowned purpose-built facility, providing award-winning sound and picture finishing alongside industry-leading development of digital workflows. Completed in 2002 in time to deliver the final mix on Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, Park Road has continued to provide post production at the highest level to filmmakers all over the world. Committed to supporting industry events, development initiatives and emerging and established New Zealand filmmakers, Park Road is a strong and active champion of the domestic industry. Website: www.parkroad.co.nz

About the Weta Group of Companies:

The Weta Group of Companies comprises five award-winning companies on the Miramar Peninsula in Wellington, New Zealand: digital visual effects house Weta Digital; design studio and physical effects manufacturing facility Weta Workshop; post production facility Park Road Post Production; purpose-built filmmaking complex Stone Street Studios and to complete the offer, Portsmouth Rentals camera and lighting equipment hire. Frequently collaborating on large scale film projects while also functioning as independent facilities, these companies form a filmmaking hub that takes some of the world's biggest films from first concepts right through to final post production.

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