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First Independent goes for 'Green'

Distributor plans spring release for pic

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TORONTO -- First Independent Pictures has snapped up distribution rights in the U.S., Australia/New Zealand and South Africa from Shoreline Entertainment for the Douglas Coupland-penned film "Everything's Gone Green" at the American Film Market.

The distributor plans a spring release for the pic, about a Vancouver slacker (Paulo Costanzo of "Joey" and "Road Trip") who is tempted into a money-laundering scheme.

This is the first foray for First Independent, which was formed in 2004 by Artisan alum Gary Rubin, into foreign territory acquisition.

Pic, which preemed at the Toronto Film Festival in September, was directed by Paul Fox ("The Dark Hours"). It is Gen-X author Coupland's first script expressly penned for the bigscreen. He's currently developing sci-fi TV project "Extinction Event."