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## MPAA STUDIOS FILE CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST XUNLEI FOR MASS INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT

**BEIJING/SINGAPORE:** MPAA studios today announced that they have filed civil actions against the operators of Shenzhen Xunlei Networking Technology Co. Ltd. (Xunlei), a large Chinese-language video website in China, alleging various acts of copyright infringement.

The actions were filed on January 19 in the Nanshan District Court in Shenzhen, seeking damages, claims for orders to stop the infringing activity, a public apology, and requesting that Xunlei bear the studios' litigation costs.

Mike Ellis, President and Managing Director Asia Pacific, Motion Picture Association, representing the MPAA in the Asia Pacific, said, "A healthy, sustainable and developing online video sector will greatly benefit audiences and movie and technology businesses, however this outcome is only possible if quality film and television content is respected and protected at every stage of the value chain. For too long we have witnessed valuable creative content being taken and monetized without the permission of the copyright owner. That has to stop and stop now. Content creators and rights holders will continue to exercise their rights under the law to protect their work and consequentially be able to provide the best possible experience for online audiences."

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### **About the MPA:**

*Promoting & Protecting Screen Communities in Asia Pacific*

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) and the Motion Picture Association International (MPA-I) represent the interests of the six international producers and distributors of filmed entertainment. To do so, they promote and protect the intellectual property rights of these companies and conduct public

awareness programs to highlight to movie fans around the world the importance of content protection. These activities have helped to transform entire markets benefiting film and television industries in each country including foreign and local filmmakers alike.

The organizations act on behalf of the members of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc (MPAA) which include; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLC; Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. The MPA and the MPA-I have worldwide operations which are directed from their head offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. and overseen in the Asia Pacific by a team based in Singapore. For more information about the MPA and the MPA-I, please visit [www.mpa-i.org](http://www.mpa-i.org).

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