

# TERESA PALMER

## *to Star In James Wan's 'Lights Out'*

Teresa Palmer, who has three films readying for release including Terrence Malick's *Knight of Cups*, has been cast as the lead in Atomic Monster's *Lights Out* for New Line Cinema. The horror film will be Atomic Monster's second with New Line after *Annabelle*, which grossed \$255.2M worldwide when it was released last fall. David Sandberg will make his feature film directorial debut and James Wan will produce. The film is based on Sandberg's short horror film of the same name which went viral.

The film, which starts production this week, is about a young boy and his estranged sister who are confronted by an evil entity that only appears when the lights are out. Eric Heisserer wrote the screenplay and is also a producer as is Lawrence Grey (Grey Matter Productions). James Wan and New Line previously teamed on *The Conjuring* which ended up grossing a whopping \$318M worldwide on what was a modest budget. Wan, of course, is coming off of Universal Pictures' box office mega hit *Furious 7* which he directed to a \$1.5B+ global box office take. He is also currently prepping *The Conjuring 2* and is attached to direct *Aquaman* which is currently in development at Warner Bros.

Interestingly, Wan also started out by directing a horror short *Saw* and then ended up writing and directing the full length version, launching a successful horror franchise. Atomic Monster has a production deal with New Line through which it will develop and produce modestly budgeted films from thrillers to science fiction, action, horror, and comedy. Michael Clear will oversee for the production company. Palmer meanwhile is hot in demand. She will star in Warner Bros. re-make of the cult classic *Point Break*, Lionsgate's *The Choice* which is based on the Nicholas Sparks novel of the same name and the aforementioned Malick project. Grey Matter recently announced development on a Bruce Lee biopic and is also working on two other projects, *Section Six* and *Winter's Knight*.



### COMING SOON

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - ROGUE NATION: ETHAN HUNT IS BACK!

Ethan and team take on their most impossible mission yet, eradicating the Syndicate – an International rogue organization as highly skilled as they are, committed to destroying the IMF. Ethan Hunt's highly effective but destructive Impossible Mission Force (IMF) has been disbanded by vengeful Washington bureaucrats such as the CIA chief (played by Alec Baldwin). But Hunt pulls his team together (Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames and newcomer Rebecca Ferguson) to battle the shadowy force known as "The Syndicate" and its elusive leader (Sean Harris). MI5 is out on 31 July 2015.