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Sanjeev Singh, Videovision Entertainment's Director of Acquisition and Distribution, announced today that *An Education* and *The Road* which were acquired by the company received a total of nine BAFTA nominations.

An Education which will be released in South Africa on 29 January 2010 received eight nominations: Best Film, Outstanding British Film, Best Director - Lone Scherfig, Best Actress - Carey Mulligan, Best Supporting Actor - Alfred Molina, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Costume Design and Best Make Up & Hair, as well as the Rising Star Award for Carey Mulligan.

Set in London in the early 60s, *An Education* charts the journey of the bright and ambitious, Jenny who is on her way to Oxford, but feels stifled by her conservative parents and strict school, and yearns for a life of culture and sophistication. When she meets the smart and funny David, who is considerably older than her, those passions are engaged - along with several others - but her grades soon start to slip.

The Road, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by American master Cormac McCarthy (*No Country For Old Men*), received the nomination for Best Cinematography. The film stars Viggo Mortensen, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Robert Duvall and Charlize Theron. It will be released in South Africa on 5 February 2010.

The Road follows *The Man* (Viggo Mortensen) wakes up one night, and he and his wife (Charlize Theron) discover the world is on the threshold of ruin, and we witness the aftermath of a wholesale cataclysm, relayed with chilling realism. With food supplies dwindling and communities beginning to turn on each other, the Man sets out with his son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) on a relentless journey of survival. Slumping across a barren United States.

Sanjeev Singh commented, "We are thrilled with the nominations received by *An Education* and *The Road* at the BAFTAs. We are also delighted that *An Education* received eight BAFTA nominations, alongside *Avatar* and *The Hurt Locker*, while *The Road* is sharing the Best Cinematography nomination with *Avatar*, *District 9*, *The Hurt Locker* and *Inglorious Basterds*. We also expect both these films to receive Academy Award nominations next month."

An Education and *The Road* are Videovision Entertainment releases through United International Pictures (South Africa).