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Paul Jenkins and META Studios No Longer Associated with Axanar

Paul Jenkins, co-writer and director, and META Studios, co-producer, are no longer associated with the Star Trek fan film Axanar led by Alec Peters.

Atlanta, GA (August 8, 2020) - META Studios and its employees, including founder Paul Jenkins, are no longer associated with the Star Trek fan film *Axanar* led by Alec Peters. Paul's credits on the project included co-writer and director, and META Studios was credited as the film's co-producer; however, due to conflicts with META Studios' core values of transparency, accountability, and integrity, we have removed ourselves from the credits. Paul's rewritten *Axanar* script and all scenes filmed to date will not be used by the *Axanar* project as these materials are protected by copyright. Paul Jenkins and META Studios will be removed from *Axanar* publications, websites, live streaming, social media, and the like, and will no longer be used to bolster the solicitation of project donations.

To the fans: Over the past few years we have developed a tremendous love and respect for the *Star Trek* community and we look forward to continuing our friendship with you! We had hoped to deliver a beautiful project, but unfortunately it is no longer possible. To make the best of the situation, we have developed a few comedic sci-fi shorts for a project called *Warped*, which we will release periodically on our YouTube channel as a way to say "Thanks for letting us play in the Star Trek universe!"

About Paul Jenkins: Paul Jenkins has been creating, writing, and building franchises for over 25 years. He has been at the center of hundreds of world-renowned, recognizable entertainment icons in the film, video game, and graphic novel industries. From his early work with the creators of the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* to his preeminent status as an IP creator, Jenkins has worked on nearly every comic character including *Spider-man*, *Batman*, and *The Incredible Hulk*. He is most noted for creating the *Origin of Wolverine*. His contributions as a Writer and/or Creative Director in video games include *Twisted Metal: Black*, *Soul Reaver*, *Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction*, *The Darkness 1 and 2*, and *Prototype*. Jenkins has 6 Platinum Selling video games, a Number 1 MTV Music Video, an Eisner Award, 5 Wizard Fan Awards, and multiple Bestselling graphic novels. He has served on the advisory board of Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), as an instructor at Kennesaw State University, and chaired Georgia Governor Nathan Deal's Advisory Committee to educate the Georgia General Assembly on the evolution of digital and interactive technologies.

About META Studios: Founded by Jenkins, META Studios is Georgia's only cross-media development and production house specializing in film, television, animation, games, and graphic novels. META is a champion of creatives in Georgia and beyond, leading the charge for industry sustainability and creative excellence. More information about META Studios can be found on social media @METASTUDIOSATL or by visiting their website at www.metastudios.com.

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