



# LAST POLE

Press Release

Burgeoning UK indie production house Three Wise Monkeys have landed exclusive worldwide rights to film an expedition that will go beyond the North Pole. The feature doc “LAST POLE” will follow an epic journey to a significant place on Earth, yet to be reached by mankind, the Northern Pole of Inaccessibility. It was a conquest that Sir Ernest Shackleton dreamed of but never achieved. Ice Warrior founder and one of the world’s most experienced and respected explorers, Jim McNeill, is training ordinary people from all walks of life to endure the harshest environment on Earth for the expedition, which will take place in February to May 2018. The journey represents the last ‘World First’, as Jim McNeill plants his footsteps where no man has ever walked; but the expedition’s significance reaches far beyond the personal. These Citizen Scientists will be gathering vital data every step of the way for research and environmental partners such as NASA. The endeavour will push the expeditioners to their limits and also, crucially, determine the chances of survival of not just the Polar Ice Cap, but of the human race itself.

Three Wise Monkeys Productions is based in London, and headed up by producer Patricia Rybarczyk and writer/director Sacha Bennett. They recently delivered Universal UK’s first film production, international thriller Tango One based on the novel by Stephen Leather.





**Hon Alexandra Shackleton - Expedition Patron and Granddaughter of Sir Ernest Shackleton**

**“...I am confident that Jim and his team will be successful not only in reaching the elusive pole; but in conducting an environmentally vital transect of the Arctic Ocean; for as my grandfather said “difficulties are just things to overcome.”**

**Sir Ranulph Fiennes – Patron of Ice Warrior**

**“...has all the potential of a truly great British First. Slightly mad and eccentric in conception, thorough and precise in planning and likely to prove ingenious and resolved in execution.”**

**Michael Palin**

**“Learning to travel the hard way is not only the best way, but it’s also the most memorable.”**

**Lord Robert Winston**

**“What Jim McNeill and his team are doing is pioneering of the most advanced kind.”**

**Sir Chris Bonington**

**“We all think that the world has been “discovered” and there are few areas that mankind has not reached. This is not so and projects like Jim McNeill’s Ice Warrior Project serve to explore these extremes and push the boundaries of our knowledge as well as the limits of those who take part.”**

**Sacha Bennett**

**“The next sixteen months of production, following Jim McNeill and the Last Pole expedition, will not only be the most extraordinary project I will ever embark on, but will certainly be one of the greatest subject matters ever documented: We are going to return from the Pole of Inaccessibility with information that could determine how long the human race has left on Planet Earth – and what film can ever lay claim to such significant importance?”**

**Patricia Rybarczyk**

**“I’m honoured and proud that Three Wise Monkeys is part of such an incredible project. Jim and his team have great passion and knowledge, which I have no doubt will resonate to the audience who care, and want to learn more about our planet. What better way to follow this journey than by us being the eyes and ears for the world to see.”**

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