

Film industry merger:

”The Chimney Pot Oslo AS” and ”Norsk Filmstudio AS” are merging, thereby creating an extensive Nordic supplier of technical services to audio-visual producers.

“This merger is motivated by the increasing competition from abroad”, says Knud Børne-Larsen, managing director of Norsk Filmstudio. “Norwegian producers are called upon by the Norwegian Film Institute to bring in financing from outside. We need to strengthen our financial position in order to be equally competitive”.

This merging of two of the largest Norwegian providers will create a company which will also be significant in a Nordic context.

Martin Thorkildsen, managing director of The Chimney Pot Oslo, has long-standing experience of post production in motion pictures. “The combined competence of both companies means that we can now offer our customers a whole package from the camera shooting the pictures, to the finished film delivered to the cinema or television station. Our aim is to become Northern Europe’s most up to date and innovative complete studio and service provider to the media client”.

Norsk Filmstudio has continued the commercial operation of what was previously Norsk Film AS, through the rental of lighting, camera, costume and studio space, together with hiring out competent personnel from within the set construction and sound post-production departments. Today the company is the largest provider of infrastructure and facilities in Norway.

Since 2001 the company has gone through a turnaround where the losses of the nineties have been transformed to an annual profit over the past five years.

“The Chimney Pot” has been built up from scratch during the past fifteen years, from a subsidiary within a production company, to an independent provider of sound and picture supervision; a company which today is seen as the leader in its field in Norway. Both companies deliver sound post-production and in combination employ twelve sound-designers on their staff.

In 2008, the companies had a combined turnover of Nok. 75 million and currently employ a staff of fifty-five.

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