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OUTSTANDING CAST ANNOUNCED FOR NEW ABC DRAMA PULSE

Claire van der Boom (*Sisters of War*), Andrea Demetriades (*Janet King*), Owen Teale (*Game of Thrones*), Liam McIntyre (*Spartacus: War of the Damned*), Susie Porter (*Puberty Blues*), Arka Das (*Top of The Lake*), Penny Cook (*A Country Practice*), Blessing Mokgohloa (*Hunters*), Pallavi Sharda (*Lion*) and Renee Lim (*Please Like Me*) star in ABC's new medical drama **PULSE**, which goes into production in Sydney today.

Inspired by a true story of a transplant patient who became a doctor, **PULSE**, created by Kris Wyld, Michael Miller and Mel Hill, is a high stakes drama set in and around the transplant unit of a busy western suburbs teaching hospital. When successful high-flier Frankie Bell (*Claire van der Boom*) is brought crashing to earth by chronic kidney failure she targets an alternate future. Eight years on she is in her second year as a practising doctor starting her first day in a renal rotation. Driven to use her second chance to save others, Frankie must confront an ailing health system, and face her toughest challenge – learning to let go.

Produced by Clandestine Beyond, **PULSE** is produced by Kris Wyld and Antony I Ginnane with Beyond Entertainment's David Ogilvy and Ron Saunders and the ABC's Sally Riley and Kym Goldsworthy as executive producers. Written by Kris Wyld, Michael Miller, Kristen Dunphy and Mandy McCarthy, **PULSE** is being directed by Peter Andrikidis, Jennifer Leacey and Ana Kokkinos.

Producers Kris Wyld and Antony I Ginnane said "We have assembled an exciting and diverse world class cast for Clandestine TV's first drama. **PULSE** will provoke and confront while tugging at your heartstrings."

Beyond Entertainment's Head of Fiction and **PULSE** Executive Producer David Ogilvy said: "Beyond is thrilled to be returning to scripted drama with Clandestine TV, a brilliant cast and creative team, and the inspirational stories of doctors surviving a life and death world."

ABC's Head of Scripted Production Sally Riley said, "With an extraordinary true story as inspiration and starring two of Australia's finest young female actors, **PULSE** will rivet audiences with the life and death decisions faced daily by a group of young medical interns still grappling with the meaning of their own lives."

Produced with major investment from Screen Australia in association with Screen NSW, **PULSE** is a Clandestine Beyond production for ABC, with international sales being handled by ABC Commercial.

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