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ZAYN MALIK SIGNS GLOBAL RECORDING DEAL WITH RCA RECORDS

(New York - July 30, 2015) -- RCA Records and Syco Music announce today that Zayn Malik will release his debut solo album on RCA Records.

Simon Cowell of Syco Music says: “With RCA, Zayn has the perfect label to work with on his solo career. They are excited about working with him and I am sure whatever they release together will be special.”

Comments Peter Edge and Tom Corson of RCA: “Zayn’s a genius songwriter with an incredible voice, and we are proud to have him join our roster of iconic superstars. We are thrilled he has entrusted us to deliver his personal artistic vision to millions of his fans across the globe.”

In March of this year, Zayn announced his departure from One Direction, currently the world’s most successful group, having sold more than 54 million albums worldwide.

About RCA Records

RCA Records is a Division of Sony Music Entertainment. RCA includes a diverse roster of internationally renowned artists representing all genres of music, including Justin Timberlake, P!nk, Alicia Keys, Miley Cyrus, Foo Fighters, Sia, Kelly Clarkson, Usher,

D'Angelo, A\$AP Rocky, Van Morrison, Kings Of Leon, Britney Spears, Pitbull, Chris Brown, Christina Aguilera, Dave Matthews Band, Shakira, Weird Al, R. Kelly, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Hudson, Charlie Wilson, Daughtry, Pentatonix, Kesha, Hilary Duff, Fantasia, Monica, Buddy Guy, Three Days Grace, Tool, Giorgio Moroder, T-Pain, Kirk Franklin, and Fred Hammond, among others; critically acclaimed and chart topping artists including Mark Ronson, Miguel, Ray LaMontagne, Cage The Elephant, MAGIC!, Bleachers, Jazmine Sullivan, Tinashe, Prince Royce, A\$AP Ferg, Anthony Hamilton, Gavin DeGraw, WALK THE MOON, The Walls Group, Kid Ink and Elle Varner; burgeoning artists Wolf Alice, Elle King, G-Eazy, Mali Music, Brooke Candy, Kodakid, MØ, Mikky Ekko, Betty Who, Tom Odell, Erik Hassle, Becky G, Luke Christopher, Sam Dew, OverDoz., Kygo, Peking Duk, Alyxx Dione, Martin Garrix, Grace and many more. RCA Records has key partnerships with RCA Inspiration, Polo Grounds, Kemosabe Records, Bazmark Records, Bystorm Entertainment, Blueprint, Fo Yo Soul Recordings, Freesolo Entertainment, Latium Entertainment and more.

About SYCO Entertainment

Syco Entertainment is a joint venture between Simon Cowell and Sony Music and is one of the world's leading global music, film and television production companies responsible for some of the world's most successful global TV and music franchises. Syco Entertainment is also the world's most successful producer of international talent with Syco Music being named the UK's number 1 record label for both A&R and sales in 2014 and is record label home for such diverse international recording artists as Labrinth, One Direction, Susan Boyle, Little Mix, IL Divo, Fifth Harmony, Alex & Sierra and Ella Henderson. Syco's television assets include the global franchises The X Factor and Got Talent. Local versions of The X Factor are produced in more than 56 territories, with artists discovered by the format selling more than 180 million records worldwide, including 200 number ones and 380 top 10 records. The Got Talent format is officially the world's most successful reality TV format of all time, holding the Guinness World Records title for the "Most successful TV format of all time" having been commissioned in an impressive 68 territories worldwide. America's Got Talent also airs in 186 countries around the globe and has been the #1 US summer reality series for the past decade. Syco Film produced the 2013 #1 global box office hit " One Direction: This Is Us" a 3D concert movie with Sony Pictures and have recently partnered with Animal Logic (The Lego Movie, Happy Feet) to produce a number of music-based live action-hybrid animated movies.

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