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Highest Grossing Gujarati Movie in Recent History Coming to Theatres in North America, Europe, and East Africa

Orange, California – October 17, 2005 – After over 10 weeks of shows with packed audiences, the blockbuster Gujarati film *Dukhiya Na Beli Bapa Sitaram* (*Bapa Sitaram: Savior of the Suffering*) will be coming to theatres outside India starting in December.

Dukhiya Na Beli Bapa Sitaram is based on the life of the famous Hindu saint Bajrangdas Bapa (Bapa Sitaram) of Bagdana village in Gujarat. The miracles of Bapa Sitaram are very much known to the people of Gujarat. Now, audiences abroad will also be able to learn about the life of this revered saint.

In addition to touching the hearts of Bapa Sitaram's followers, the film's music has also gained popularity with a wide variety of audiences. After not singing in a Gujarati film for over 25 years, esteemed Indian singer Lata Mangeshkar was convinced by award-winning music director Pankaj Bhatt to perform a bhajan for the film. Music lovers have been moved by the emotional bhajans, 'duas', vibrating garbas and Gujarati folk songs featured throughout the film.

Since the film's opening in August, publications throughout India have been following the unexpected success of this US\$80,000 budget film. Roaring demand has caused stampedes at box offices throughout Gujarat, and has given rise to a black market for theatre tickets, a phenomenon never before experienced by the small Gujarati film industry.

In light of the unprecedented excitement surrounding the film, Gala Entertainment Corp. (www.galaentertainment.net) of California has acquired rights to release the film in North America, UK, Europe and East Africa.

Dukhiya Na Beli Bapa Sitaram is produced by Bhupat Bodar and Nitin Topiya, and directed by K.Amar Solanki (Danny). The film stars veteran actor Shrikant Soni as Bapa Sitaram. The cast also includes actors Ragini, Deepak Gheevala, Devendra Pandit and Bhavini Jani.

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