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X-Men Origins: Wolverine to inject \$60 million into Sydney economy

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Hugh Jackman's latest movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine has begun shooting in Sydney and will inject an estimated \$60 million and 250 full-time equivalent jobs into the city's economy.

The NSW Government has assisted the movie's producers to help secure the bulk of the production work for NSW and to support the State's film industry.

Most of the pre-production and main unit filming for Wolverine will take place in Sydney at Fox Studios and other local locations, creating jobs for NSW film industry workers.

The producers of Wolverine, which include Hugh Jackman's own Australian production company Seed Prods, say the movie will see at least \$60 million spent in NSW.

Wolverine will see the employment in NSW of 220 people in its pre-production phase; 350 crew, 45 actors and 1,200 extras during its production phase; and 40 people during its post-production.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine is the prequel to the highly successful X-Men trilogy which grossed US\$1.2 billion world-wide.

As well as being the star of X-Men Origins: Wolverine, Hugh Jackman will also produce the movie together with John Palermo, Lauren Schuler-Donner and Ralph Winter.

Wolverine's producers have chosen Sydney as the base for the production ahead of Canada thanks to the city's key infrastructure at Fox Studios and the city's talented crew base.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine is scheduled for release in 2009 and will be distributed by 20th Century Fox Film Corporation.

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