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# The EyeFly Team

Team: Y-Prize 2014 Finalists for Eyefly



#### Michael Gromis: Market Research

- Drone Localization at GRASP Lab
- Plugged into the entertainment industry

#### Bahram Banisadr: Mechanical Engineering

- •NASA: Curiosity Mars Rover robot vision
- •Constructed bipedal walking robot for research project





Jeff Grimes: Software & Artificial Intelligence

- •Google Product Management
- Facebook Software Engineering

#### Mentors and Industry Contacts



**Ashton Kutcher,** Actor, A-Grade Investments



John Davis, 20th Century Fox



Stacey Snider, 20th Century Fox



**Shane Hurlbut**, Cinematographer, Terminator Salvation (2009), Need for Speed (2014)



**Greg Foster**, IMAX

# Pain Points of Filming



## Creativity

- Camera's are restricted by their stationary nature
- Currently, filming with drones is imprecise due to manual control, preventing close interaction with the set and limiting filming to the wide outdoors



## Timeline

- Movies are constrained by timelines and experience many delays in filming
- Depending on multiple tools such as helicopters, rigs, and cranes to perform certain dynamic or aerial shots causes delays



## Costs

- Costs add up when a combination of rig, crane, and helicopter systems are required to film single shots
- Helicopters are overkill for shooting movies

## Introducing EyeFly

EyeFly is an intelligent hexrotor-mounted camera system that provides precise and fluid footage unattainable by remote-controlled drones.

EyeFly eliminates the need for helicopters, large cranes, and truck riggings.

EyeFly is controlled by one trained operator who specifies shooting instructions; with various onboard sensors, subsequent navigation (e.g. obstacle avoidance) is autonomous.



Creativity

- Omnidirectional precision
- Drone swarm capability



Timeline

- Rapid deployment
- Removes dependency on multiple filming systems



Costs

 All-inclusive rentable package

# Market Sizing and Competition

#### **Barriers**

# Disruptive nature of the technology and stubbornness of film veterans

 Educating customers about EyeFly's benefits through demonstrations and creating proof of concept material

**Solutions** 

Safety and related perceptions

- Implementing rigorous safety measures
- Safety demonstrations
- Promotional efforts emphasize safety

High initial capital expenditure (\$10,200 for drone and \$40,000 for Vicon)

- Start small and grow
- Be as cost efficient as possible

**FAA** regulations

- •http://www.cnet.com/news/faa-eases-barrier-to-commercial-drone-use/
- •FAA beginning to ease regulations on commercial drone use

#### Sizing/Competitive Landscape

2014 average Hollywood movie cost \$76.63 million

- Total budget for 441 movies is \$33.79 billion Approximate breakdown of non-marketing film budget
- 55.75% production costs
   Breakdown of production values
- 25.9% filming costs
- 5.37% picture vehicles and related costs
  Thus, the total addressable market (TAM) is \$33.79
  billion \* 55.75% \* 5.37% = \$1.116 Billion in the US
  annually
- Competitors: Radio Controlled drone filming services such as SkyReel
- Not a threat: Current consumer filming systems such as HEXO+ which provide autonomous Gopro mounted quadrotors lack sophisticated onboard sensors, navigation software, and movie-grade filming quality from an Epic Red Camera or Canon C600

## **Execution Plan and Costs**



#### 6 Months

Develop preliminary flight control software and test drone control



#### Year 1

Complete alpha product and find alpha testers (indie movies, low production films)



#### Year 2

Beta testing



#### Year 3

Capture first customers



#### Year 4

Improve product and continue growth



#### Year 5

Create strategic alliances and introduce new products (aerial lighting, sound, noise cancellation)

Projections		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	Labor per person	\$50K	\$50K	\$50K	\$50K	\$50K
	Employees	6	6	6	8	10
	Cost per unit	\$10K	\$10K	\$10K	\$10K	\$10K
	New units	1	3	3	5	10
Costs		\$310K	\$330K	\$330K	\$450K	\$600K
	Base price per day	-	\$3K	\$5K	\$5K	\$5K
	Additional unit price	-	-	\$1K	\$1K	\$1K
	Days per film	-	3	5	5	5
	Films per year	-	1	4	22	42
Revenues			\$0K	\$120K	\$660K	\$1.26M
Total		(\$310K)	(\$330K)	(\$210K)	\$210K	\$660K