



## **ole-Bluestone Signs Worldwide Administration Deal with Singer/Songwriter Douglas Makuta**

TORONTO, ON (January 28, 2016) – **ole-Bluestone**, the music publishing co-venture of **ole** and super-producer Timbaland, has signed a worldwide administration deal with singer/songwriter Douglas Makuta. The Brooklyn-based Makuta has written and produced for various artists and projects including John Oates, Ron Carter, Paul Simon, Bleu, Art Garfunkel, and Mike Viola and is lead singer of the soulful pop-rock band MAKUTA (which includes 3 band members, Jane, Aleata, and Rose), which will release its second EP digitally through **ole's red dot** in 2016.



“**ole** is thrilled to continue our relationship with Timbaland and expand the **ole-Bluestone** roster, and we know that having Douglas Makuta and his songs under our name will guarantee more success for **ole** and MAKUTA,” said Robert Ott, Chairman and CEO of **ole**.

“Doug Makuta is one of the most talented and empathetic songwriters that I have been around. He has incredible listening skills, along with a keen sense of the right musical direction,” said **ole-Bluestone's** Eric Spence.

“I am excited to continue to develop this relationship with **ole-Bluestone**, and the Timbaland family, as I strive to create music that I can be proud of, and stand behind, with this team,” said Makuta.

### **About ole:**

**ole** is one of the world's foremost rights management companies with investments of over \$500M in music intellectual property (IP). Founded in 2004, with operations in Toronto, Nashville, New York, Los

Angeles and London, **ole** is engaged in IP acquisitions, creative development, and worldwide rights management. The **ole** catalog includes over 50,000 songs and 60,000 hours of TV and film music across all genres. Copyrights under ole's control include songs recorded by artists such as the Backstreet Boys, Beyoncé, Blake Shelton, Britney Spears, Carrie Underwood, Eric Church, Jay Z, Justin Timberlake, Kelly Clarkson, Madonna, Michael Jackson, One Direction, Rihanna, Rush, Taylor Swift, and Timbaland. **ole** controls substantial A/V music and secondary rights including catalogs from Sony Pictures Entertainment, MGM, Miramax, Nelvana, and Nu Image/Millennium. Jingle Punks, the Production Music division of **ole**, provides quality content and service to creators in all media with over 400,000 tracks in its library.

**ole** is committed to the creative development of its 120+ staff songwriters, legacy writers, and composers and adding value to our catalogs and client catalogs. Current **ole** writers include Timbaland, Tyler Farr, Josh Dorr, Gord Bamford, Brett Jones, Jeremy Stover, Marty Dodson, Phil O'Donnell, Jordan Davis, and Ian Thornley. **ole** has ongoing ventures with Last Gang Publishing, Roots Three Music, Jackoby Publishing, and most recently, **ole**-Bluestone Publishing, **ole's** venture with global hitmaker Timbaland. **ole's** legacy catalogs and writers include Rush, Max Webster, Coney Hatch, and Ian Thomas.

**ole** also operates a robust label services arm under the umbrella of ole label services. The division includes Anthem Entertainment Group, the label home of Rush as well as Big Wreck, Ian Thornley, Steven Page, The Tea Party, Anthem Legacy; Max Webster, Ian Thomas, and artist development label **red dot**, which has developed and upstreameed artists including Charlie Worsham, Haley Reinhart, Josh Dorr, Sam Grow, and Jordan Davis.

**ole** Digital is a full YouTube MCN partner for all media with over 5B views across publishing, masters and A/V to date.

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