

HI-TEC SPRAY'S A REAL WIZARD WHEN IT COMES TO FILM SETS!

With *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* currently proving to be a real scorcher at the box office, Potter fans worldwide will be eagerly anticipating the next instalment of the blockbusting series – but it's not just the young hero of Hogwarts who'll be working his magic for the new film.

Maidstone-based coatings technology specialist Hi-Tec Spray is also proving to be a bit of a wizard, with film-makers once again turning to the award-winning company to help them create magical sets and backdrops for the fifth in J.K. Rowling's series of fantasy adventures, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. With the shooting of Warner Bros' new film scheduled to begin in January 2006, Hi-Tec Spray has supplied special spray pump equipment to Leavesden Studios in Watford and has been training painters on the set to operate it. Leavesden Studios is one of the main filming locations for the *Harry Potter* movies, with sets including The Great Hall, The Moving Staircases, Hogsmeade and Dumbledore's Office.

Hi-Tec Spray director Steve Cooper confirmed the equipment was being used to spray scenery for the new film, which is due for release in 2007, but said he couldn't reveal any behind-the-scenes details. 'How the sets are actually being created is a secret!' he confided.

Hi-Tec Spray is gaining an enviable reputation as the company of choice among film studios looking for the right equipment to help create fantastic, jaw-dropping sets.

This summer, the company supplied Warner Bros with specialist paint spray equipment to help produce the backdrop for the fantasyland of chocolate rivers, waterfalls and edible trees in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Last year it provided the kit to help create some of the scenery used in the fourth *Harry Potter* movie, *The Goblet of Fire*, and the company has also supplied paint spray systems for set designs on *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Batman Begins*.

Steve Cooper added: 'It's great to be involved in a project like the *Harry Potter* series and we're looking forward to seeing the results up on the big screen.'

Hi-Tec Spray provides a huge range of spray equipment from its national network of depots, including airless, multi-colour, texture coating, HVLP turbines, airspray and two-component spray equipment. Complementary products like portable compressors, fume extraction and transformers are available as well as a wide selection of accessories.