

The Planet

There aren't very many Scottish astronauts—*Star Trek's* James Doohan notwithstanding—so it's interesting to hear brogues in space for a change. World champion body builder Mike Mitchell leads a small platoon of space-based mercenaries who crash land on a deserted planet, only to discover a malevolent force is hunting them down. The dunes of Aberdeen work fine as a barren backdrop for several action set pieces involving big guns and translucent monsters. A bleak but fiery finale is rather abrupt, but until then, the action is non-stop and the special effects are plentiful if a bit sterile.

Shelf Talk: MTI is working with sci-fi and horror blogs and Web sites to draw awareness to this off-shore production (they'll also reach out to U.K. sites with domestic readership). Otherwise, play up those sci-fi aspects and the plentiful action set pieces—the first 10 minutes has a stand-out *Star Wars*-like space battle—as there's not much significant exposition in between. —*B.McC.*

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Extras: featurette

Director: Mark Stirton

First Run: DVD premiere

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> *Passable sci-fi effects stand out in this Scottish adventure.*

