

The Hollywood Reporter reveals that sources close to the production of The Hobbit have told them that the two-film adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien story is indeed set to be turned into a trilogy. There was talk of this during the San Diego Comic-Con a few weeks ago, although nothing more came of it and it was dismissed as little more than a rumour. However, discussions are now ongoing between Warner Bros. and director Peter Jackson, producer Fran Walsh and writer-producer Philippa Boyens as they attempt to work out the logistics of how another film would work (for example, signing new deals with the cast members). If a third instalment is made, it would require additional shooting in New Zealand next summer. "If we're going to do it, we have to make a decision soon. It's strongly driven by the filmmakers' desire to tell more of the story," the source tells

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