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With three goals in mind — to score a political point, to convey a safe sex message and to make money — a

South African film producer has made that nation's first all-black pornographic movie. In a departure from the norm for such films, the male cast members wear condoms. Also, the entire cast was tested for H.I.V. and other diseases. South Africa has the world's worst AIDS epidemic, with nearly six million infected, and about 1,000 a day dying.

The movie, "Mapona," which means "naked" in Sotho, drew its cast from audition calls on a sex Web site aimed at South Africa's black professional class. The producer, Tau Morena, said the film had "a gentle message about safe sex" because young South Africans still have a "negative attitude towards condoms." DONALD G. McNEIL JR.