Rockstar Games Announces 10th Anniversary of Grand Theft Auto III

October 13, 2011 8:05 AM ET

GTA III for mobile devices and special anniversary commemorative items coming soon

NEW YORK, Oct 13, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Rockstar Games, a publishing label of Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. (NASDAQ: TTWO), is proud to announce the 10th anniversary of *Grand Theft Auto III* on October 22, 2011. The anniversary is a landmark moment for the *Grand Theft Auto* series and Rockstar Games. The release of *Grand Theft Auto III* in 2001 was a pivotal step in the series' path to become one of the biggest entertainment properties. In conjunction with the celebration, Rockstar will release *Grand Theft Auto III* for select new generation iOS and Android devices in the fall. A full list of devices is available at http://www.rockstargames.com/newswire.

"Grand Theft Auto III showed us the potential of open world games," said Sam Houser, Founder of Rockstar Games. "It helped set the vision for the company, and we have been expanding on those possibilities with every game ever since."

Mobile versions of the game will be available to play at the 2011 New York Comic-Con from October 14-16, 2011. Attendees of the show will be able to tour the *Grand Theft Auto III* gallery featuring the game's signature art, and will also have the opportunity to win special anniversary edition *Grand Theft Auto III* and Rockstar Games merchandise. For those unable to attend, the Rockstar Warehouse (http://www.rockstarwarehouse.com) is relaunching today, where the special anniversary edition items will be available for purchase throughout October.

Beginning today, the limited-edition action figure of *Grand Theft Auto III* lead character, Claude, will be available for pre-order through the Rockstar Warehouse. The action figure will be on sale on October 20. The fully articulated 1:6 scale Claude figure comes dressed in his original attire of cargo pants and a bomber jacket, and is also supplied with his iconic Liberty City Prisonissued jumpsuit. The Claude figure is equipped with an arsenal of classic weapons from *Grand Theft Auto III*, including a bat, knife, grenades, pistol, sniper rifle, and assault rifle. Rockstar Social Club members can enter to win one of three Claude action figures through October 16 by visiting https://www.rockstargames.com/socialclub*.

Grand Theft Auto III was originally released in October 2001 for the PlayStation(R)2 computer entertainment system. It was the first three-dimensional, open-world *Grand Theft Auto* title and introduced players to the fictitious Liberty City. The game was released to critical and commercial success and is widely credited as one of the most influential video games of all time. Upon its release in 2001, *Grand Theft Auto III* delivered cinematic levels of immersion, an innovative approach to open-ended gameplay and an unprecedented fusion of gaming and popular culture.

Grand Theft Auto III was heralded by GameSpot¹ as "easily one of the greatest games of all time." In an article recognizing the most important games ever created, GamePro² listed *Grand Theft Auto III* as their number one choice, declaring that "*GTA III* redefined how games are played, serving as a wake-up call to an industry that had fallen into a safe, sleepy rhythm."

IGN³ lauded *Grand Theft Auto III* as one of the top ten most influential games of all time, stating "not many games can claim to have spawned entire genres, buzzwords, and cultural phenomena."

GamesRadar⁴ praised *Grand Theft Auto III* as "the most important game of the decade" And more celebration came from G4TV⁵, dubbing the game, "An amazing experience, resulting in a classic crime drama."

Grand Theft Auto III went on to become the highest-rated PlayStation 2 game of all time (Metacritic: 97), and the number one selling video game on console the year of its release, according to The NPD Group estimates of U.S. retail video game sales.

For more information, log onto http://www.rockstargames.com.

*No purchase necessary to enter. Void in certain countries and where prohibited. Must be 18 or older. Ends 10/16/11. See http://www.rockstargames.com/socialclub/events for complete official rules and eligibility details.

1. http://www.gamespot.com/features/6171873/index.html

- 2. http://www.gamepro.com/article/features/110088/the-52-most-important-video-games-of-all-time-page-8-of-8/
- 3. http://games.ign.com/articles/840/840621p2.html
- 4. http://www.gamesradar.com/the-top-20-most-important-games-of-the-decade/
- 5. http://www.g4tv.com/articles/33989/grand-theft-auto-iii-ps2-review/

About Take-Two Interactive Software

Headquartered in New York City, Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. is a global developer, marketer and publisher of interactive entertainment software games for the PC, PlayStation(R)3 and PlayStation(R)2 computer entertainment systems, PSP (R) (PlayStation(R)Portable) system, Xbox 360(R) video game and entertainment system from Microsoft, Wii(TM), Nintendo DS(TM), iPhone(R), iPod(R) touch and iPad(R). The Company publishes and develops products through its wholly owned labels Rockstar Games and 2K, which publishes its titles under 2K Games, 2K Sports and 2K Play. The Company's common stock is publicly traded on NASDAQ under the symbol TTWO. For more corporate and product information please visit our website at http://www.take2games.com.

"PlayStation" is a registered trademark of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.

All trademarks and copyrights contained herein are the property of their respective holders.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained herein which are not historical facts are considered forward-looking statements under federal securities laws and may be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "projects," "seeks," "will," or words of similar meaning and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outlook for the Company's future business and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are based on the current beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to them, which are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may vary materially from these forward-looking statements based on a variety of risks and uncertainties including: our dependence on key management and product development personnel, our dependence on our Grand Theft Auto products and our ability to develop other hit titles for current generation platforms, the timely release and significant market acceptance of our games, the ability to maintain acceptable pricing levels on our games, our ability to raise capital if needed and risks associated with international operations. Other important factors and information are contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011, in the section entitled "Risk Factors," and the Company's other periodic filings with the SEC, which can be accessed at http://www.take2games.com. All forward-looking statements are qualified by these cautionary statements and apply only as of the date they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Photos/Multimedia Gallery Available: http://www.businesswire.com/cgi-bin/mmg.cgi?eid=50028135&lang=en

SOURCE: Take-Two Interactive

Rockstar Games

Emmy Kasten, 212-334-6633 x6559 Emmy.Kasten@rockstargames.com

Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. Alan Lewis (Corporate Press) 646-536-2983

Alan.Lewis@take2games.com