

# Activision Announces Partnership with Metallica for First Ever Simultaneous Release of New Record "Death Magnetic" in Stores and for Download in Guitar Hero® Video Game

# **Company Confirms Upcoming Game Lineup and Announces Five New Titles**

Santa Monica, CA – July 15, 2007 – Activision Publishing (Nasdaq: ATVI) today revealed that Metallica's highly-anticipated full studio album, "Death Magnetic," will be available simultaneously in record stores and as downloadable content for the world's best-selling rhythm-based video game series, Guitar Hero®. Metallica fans will be able to rock out to new anthems from the band in Guitar Hero® III: Legends of Rock this September and will be able to unite on drums, guitar and vocals as the album will also be released as downloadable content for Guitar Hero® World Tour when it ships this Fall.

The company also confirmed its upcoming game slate and announced five new titles in development. Activision's fall 2008 game lineup includes Call of Duty®: World at War, Guitar Hero® World Tour, Quantum of Solace™ and Spide¶an™: Web o Shadows. In addition, the company announced that it is currently in development on Wolfenstein™, the highly anticipated title from id Software and Raven Software; Marvel™ Ultimate Alliance 2: Fusion by Vicarious Visions, the sequel to one of the best selling action RPGs; Singularity (Working Title), a first person action game, based on an all-new wholly owned intellectual property, from Raven Software; a Luxoflux game based on "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" from DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures, in association with Hasbro, the follow-up to one of 2007's biggest blockbuster movies and games; and a title based on Twentieth Century Fox/Marvel's X-Men Origins: Wolverine in development at Raven Software.

"Our strong and balanced portfolio illustrates our ongoing commitment to delivering top-quality entertainment experiences to broad global audiences," said Mike Griffith, president and CEO of Activision Publishing. "We are particularly excited about this fall's Guitar Hero World Tour, which will deliver unprecedented innovation to the rhythm-based genre with new instruments, a significantly expanded song list, and a music creator to share user-generated soundtracks. Gamers will also be able to play Metallica's new album on the day it launches."

### Activision's Game Line-Up Includes:

Call of Duty®: World at War – Building on the Call of Duty®4:Modern Warfare engine, Call of Duty: World at War thrusts players into the ruthless and gritty chaos of WWII combat like never before and challenges them to band together to survive the most harrowing and climactic battles in both the European and Pacific theaters. The title re-defines WWII games by offering an uncensored experience with unique enemies, jaw-dropping firepower like the flamethrower, and combat variety, including Kamikaze fighters, Banzai charges and cunning ambush tactics, as well as explosive on-screen action through all new cooperative gameplay. (Xbox 360® video game and entertainment system from Microsoft, PLAYSTATION®3 computer entertainment system, Nintendo® Wii<sup>TM</sup> and Games for Window®).

Guitar Hero® World Tour - When the house lights go down this fall, a new generation of axe shredders, drummers and fearless frontmen will come together and rock with Guitar Hero World Tour. The latest installment in the #1 best-selling video game franchise of 2007, Guitar Hero World Tour transforms music gaming by expanding Guitar Hero's® signature guitar gameplay into a cooperative band experience that combines the most advanced wireless instruments with new revolutionary online and offline gameplay modes including Band Career and 8-player "Battle of the Bands," which allows two full bands to compete head-to-head online for the first time ever. The game features a slick newly redesigned guitar, an authentic electronic drum kit and a microphone, as well as an innovative Music Studio music creator that lets players compose, record, edit and share their own rock 'n' roll anthems. Music creators will also be able to share their recordings with their friends online through GHTunes¹ where other gamers can download and play an endless supply of unique creations. (Xbox 360<sup>TM</sup>, PS3 and PlayStatiôn2 computer entertainment systems, and Nintendo Wii).

Wolfenstein™ From id Software's critically-acclaimed and multi-million unit selling Wolfenstein universe, which pioneered and defined the first-person action genre, comes the ultimate supernatural thriller. Set within a near-fictional, historical WWII setting, players take on the role of the heroic OSA agent BJ Blazkowicz as they are thrust into the unknown and unexpected to battle against combat troops, otherworldly forces, and the dark science created by a supernatural Nazi force hell-bent on world domination. Wolfenstein offers players an action-packed experience as they investigate the powers of a dark parallel dimension, join with resistance forces, and employ an arsenal of conventional and otherworldly weapons in attempts to annihilate the Nazi war machine. Ensuring a deep variety of action, Wolfenstein provides gamers with an assortment of interlinked missions that drive an intense, story-driven combat experience; while the Wolfenstein multiplayer experience continues the world-renowned tradition of class-based team objective gameplay with a full arsenal of conventional and

supernatural weapons for addictive online warfare. (Xbox 360<sup>™</sup>, PS3, WindowsPC).

Quantum of Solace<sup>TM</sup> James Bond is back to settle the score in Quantum of Solace<sup>TM</sup>. Introducing a more lethal and cunningly efficient Bond, the game blends intense first-person action with a unique third-person cover combat system that allows players to truly feel what it is like to be the ultimate secret agent as they use their stealth, precision shooting and lethal combat skills to progress through missions. Seamlessly blending the heart-pounding action and excitement of the upcoming "Quantum of Solace" feature film with the "Casino Royale" movie, the title propels players into the cinematic experience of international espionage. Based on the renowned Call of Duty® 4: Modern Warfare<sup>TM</sup> game engine that has been specifically engineered to immerse players in the Bond universe, Quantum of Solace<sup>TM</sup> delivers higherinition graphics, reactive Al and visually stunning locations inspired by locales portrayed in the films. (Xbox 360<sup>TM</sup>, PS3 and PlayStati®2 computer entertainment systems and the Nintendo Wii<sup>TM</sup> and DS<sup>TM</sup>).

Spider-Man<sup>TM</sup>: Web of Shadows A deadly symbiote invasion brings total devastation to the streets of New York City in Spider-Man: Web of Shadows, where players have ultimate control over the city's salvation and Spider-Man's destiny. Set in an apocalyptic New York City, Spider-Man: Web of Shadows gives players an unprecedented level of gameplay choices, including for the first time, control over the game's direction and outcome. The all new combat system allows for truly three-dimensional battles that start in the streets, continue up sides of buildings and finish on rooftops. Gamers can instantly switch between Spider-Man's agile red suit and his formidable black suit, choose to ally with Marvel's honored heroes or ferocious villains, pick which character abilities to upgrade, and decide which missions to undertake in order to protect Manhattan from certain destruction. (Xbox 360<sup>TM</sup>, PS3 and PlayStatiŵ2 computer entertainment systems, PSP®, Nintendo Wii and DS<sup>TM</sup>, and Windows® PC).

All games are pending ESRB ratings. For assets and more information on Activision's videogame line-up, please visit www.activisionpressconference.com.

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