



## **Call of Duty®: Modern Warfare® 2 Shatters Opening Day Sales Records With Approximately \$310 Million in North America and United Kingdom Alone**

### **Most Anticipated Game of the Year Becomes Biggest Entertainment Launch in History**

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Nov 12, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- [Activision Publishing, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: ATVI) announced today that Infinity Ward's much-anticipated *Call of Duty(R):Modern Warfare(R) 2* has become the biggest launch in history across all forms of entertainment with estimated sell-through sales of \$310 million in North America and the United Kingdom alone in the first 24 hours, according to internal Activision estimates.

*Modern Warfare 2* was released on Tuesday, November 10th, to worldwide fanfare across the globe, including over 10,000 retail outlets in the U.S. alone which held midnight openings to meet consumer demand. In its first day, the blockbuster title sold through approximately 4.7 million copies in just North America and the United Kingdom, according to internal Activision estimates.

"The *Call of Duty* franchise has become a cultural phenomenon showing the power of video games as an entertainment medium," said Mike Griffith, CEO, Activision Publishing, Inc. "The shattering of these entertainment records is a testament to the compelling, cinematic and uniquely engaging experience that the *Call of Duty* brand delivers. *Modern Warfare 2* has taken interactive experience to unprecedented heights setting a new standard for entertainment."

*Modern Warfare 2* picks up following the historic events of *Call of Duty(R) 4: Modern Warfare(R)*, the blockbuster title that remains the top selling first person action game in history. *Modern Warfare 2* is rated "M" (Mature) by the ESRB for Blood, Drug Reference, Intense Violence and Language. For additional information about the game, visit [www.modernwarfare2.com](http://www.modernwarfare2.com).

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