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## Portal Masters Switch It up with Skylanders Imaginators Now Available on Nintendo Switch

SANTA MONICA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Skylanders fans can unlock their imaginations in new ways with <u>Skylanders®</u> <u>Imaginators</u> now available on <u>Nintendo Switch</u><sup>™</sup>. Activision Publishing, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Activision Blizzard, Inc. (NASDAQ: <u>ATVI</u>) is bringing the fun-filled innovation of **Skylanders Imaginators** to the new Nintendo Switch platform for fans to enjoy starting today.

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The award-winning Skylanders® Imaginators is now available for Nintendo Switch<sup>™</sup>! Skylanders Imaginators gives kids an unprecedented level of choice to create the most unique Skylanders characters they can imagine. (Photo: Business Wire) **Skylanders Imaginators** for the Nintendo Switch introduces a digital library that allows players to easily load and store their 300+ toys from the Skylanders® franchise\* directly to the new home gaming system. No Portal of Power®? No problem -- the arrival of the digital library empowers players to take their **Skylanders Imaginators** adventure on-the-go whenever and however they want.

This March also marks the debut of some of *Skylanders'* most anticipated characters including Painyatta and Grave Clobber in *Skylanders Imaginators*, as well as a brand-new expansion pack for the game. Additionally, the *Skylanders Imaginators* Cursed Tiki Temple level pack is a first in franchise history, taking kids on an all-new adventure as they unlock more than **100** new offerings for their *Skylanders* 

*Imaginators*! The pack comes with Sensei character **Wild Storm** who will unleash a new level to players, a life Creation Crystal and an Imaginite Mystery Chest.

"We're incredibly proud to bring the award-winning innovation of **Skylanders Imaginators** to Nintendo Switch as a launch title. The game has unlocked kids' imaginations everywhere as they create and play their very own Skylander characters for the first time," said Josh Taub, senior vice president of *Skylanders* Product Management, Activision. "With new toys and content also now available for **Skylanders Imaginators**, we're excited to offer Nintendo fans a great experience on day one."

Developed by Toys For Bob, *Skylanders Imaginators* empowers players to unleash their imaginations and bring their creations to life in an adventure with puzzles, battles, a compelling storyline and a new line-up of heroes and villains.

*Skylanders Imaginators* also introduces two new guest star characters - **Crash Bandicoot**<sup>TM</sup> and his arch-nemesis **Dr**. **Neo Cortex.** They join the lineup of Skylanders Sensei characters as fully-playable toys. Crash<sup>TM</sup> fans will also get to play a level dedicated to the famous bandicoot, Thumpin Wumpa Islands, which pays homage to be beloved '90s videogame icon.

Skylanders Imaginators supports character toys from all previous Skylanders games - including Skylanders®

SuperChargers, Skylanders® Trap Team, Skylanders® SWAP Force<sup>TM</sup>, Skylanders® Giants and Skylanders® Spyro's Adventure - that kids can enjoy in the real-world and in the virtual game. As players add new Skylanders to their collection, they expand their in-game experiences.

## About the Skylanders<sup>®</sup> Franchise

The award-winning, \$3.5 billion *Skylanders*® franchise has sold through more than 300 million toys<sup>1</sup> since pioneering the toys-to-life category in 2011 with the debut of *Skylanders*® *Spyro's Adventure*. The game originated a play pattern that seamlessly bridged physical and virtual worlds across multiple platforms. In 2012, *Skylanders*® *Giants* further evolved the category and added *LightCore*<sup>®</sup> characters to the collection of interaction figures. *Skylanders*® *SWAP Force*<sup>TM</sup>, which launched in 2013, introduced an all new play pattern - swapability. In 2014, *Skylanders*<sup>®</sup> *Trap Team* reversed the magic of bringing toys to life by allowing players to pull characters out of the digital world into the physical world and became the number 1 kids' console game globally<sup>1</sup>. *Skylanders*® *SuperChargers* launched in 2015 and expanded upon the franchise's signature gameplay to introduce vehicles-to-life for the first time. In October 2016, *Skylanders Imaginators* captured kids' imaginations like never before with the ability to create your own Skylanders. Fans can also enjoy their favorite characters in

the Netflix original series "Skylanders<sup>TM</sup> Academy."

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