



## Blizzard Entertainment and NetEase Extend Publishing Partnership in China

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SHANGHAI, Jan. 10, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. and NetEase, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTESE) announced today an extension to their 11-year partnership in mainland China. The publishing agreement between the two companies, which encompasses *World of Warcraft*<sup>®</sup>, the *StarCraft*<sup>®</sup> series, the *Diablo*<sup>®</sup> series, *Hearthstone*<sup>®</sup>, *Heroes of the Storm*<sup>®</sup> and *Overwatch*<sup>®</sup>, will extend until January 2023.

The collaboration between Blizzard and NetEase began in 2008, with a licensing agreement to bring *StarCraft II* and the Blizzard Battle.net<sup>®</sup> platform to China. Since then, the companies have worked together to bring Blizzard's epic game experiences to Chinese players.

"NetEase has been instrumental in helping us bring Blizzard's epic games to even more players around the world, and we're grateful to have such a strong partner in China," said J. Allen Brack, President of Blizzard Entertainment. "We look forward to continuing our relationship and cooperation in China and beyond."

"We're pleased to continue our successful partnership with Blizzard after more than a decade of close cooperation," said William Ding, founder and CEO of NetEase. "The scope of our collaboration is now deeper and broader than ever before. We're confident that together we will continue to bring even more exciting game experiences to players worldwide."

### About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

Best known for blockbuster hits including *World of Warcraft*<sup>®</sup>, *Hearthstone*<sup>®</sup>, *Overwatch*<sup>®</sup>, the *Warcraft*<sup>®</sup>, *StarCraft*<sup>®</sup>, and *Diablo*<sup>®</sup> franchises, and the multi-franchise *Heroes of the Storm*<sup>®</sup>, Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. ([www.blizzard.com](http://www.blizzard.com)), a division of Activision Blizzard (NASDAQ: ATVI), is a premier developer and publisher of entertainment software renowned for creating some of the industry's most critically acclaimed games. Blizzard Entertainment's track record includes twenty-two #1 games\* and multiple Game of the Year awards. The company's online gaming service, Blizzard Battle.net<sup>®</sup>, is one of the largest online-gaming services in the world, with millions of active players.

\*Sales and/or downloads based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners

### About NetEase, Inc.

NetEase, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTESE) is a leading internet technology company in China dedicated to providing online services centered around content, community, communication and commerce. NetEase develops and operates some of China's most popular PC-client and mobile games, and partners with Blizzard Entertainment, Mojang AB (a Microsoft subsidiary) and other global game developers to operate some of the most popular international online games in China. NetEase also operates Kaola.com and Yanxuan, two e-commerce platforms that cater to the rising middle-class consumer market in China. In addition, NetEase offers advertising, e-mail and other services. For more information, please visit: <http://ir.netease.com/>.

### Forward Looking Statements

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