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## OPEN BETA TESTING FOR STARCRAFT® II BEGINS IN MAINLAND CHINA

**SHANGHAI, CHINA – March 29, 2011--** Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. and NetEase.com, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTES) announced today that the open beta test for *Blizzard Entertainment's StarCraft® II* has begun in mainland China. During the open beta test, players will be able to experience the intense strategic gameplay of StarCraft II's multiplayer modes for free.

Gamers who would like to participate and who haven't already created a Battle.net® account or downloaded the *StarCraft II* client can do so by visiting the official Battle.net website (<a href="www.battlenet.com.cn">www.battlenet.com.cn</a>). Once the game is installed, players can run the client to automatically update to the latest version of the game and begin playing.

The open beta test for *StarCraft II* is scheduled to end on April 6, 2011 at 00:00 (Beijing time), at which time commercial operation of *StarCraft II* will begin. Players will be able to purchase game time in 30-day increments for a suggested retail price of RMB20, which provides full access to the game's unparalleled multiplayer play and epic single-player campaign through Battle.net, the premier community destination and online-gaming platform for players of Blizzard games.

"We've worked hard to make *StarCraft II* the ultimate competitive real-time strategy game, and we're excited that players in mainland China are now able to experience it for themselves, along with Battle.net's advanced matchmaking and social features," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "We're confident that Chinese players will have a great time playing StarCraft II, and we look forward to hearing what they think."

William Ding, Chief Executive Officer of NetEase said, "Over the past several months, we have been working closely with Blizzard Entertainment to finish our preparations for the launch of *StarCraft II* in China. We are looking forward to providing high-quality service and support to Chinese players, ensuring they have a great experience with StarCraft II."

StarCraft II is the sequel to Blizzard Entertainment's 1998 blockbuster hit StarCraft, which has been hailed by players and critics worldwide as one of the top real-time strategy games of all time. Sporting a vibrant 3D-graphics engine, StarCraft II once again centers on the clash between the protoss, terrans, and zerg, with each side deploying legions of veteran, upgraded, and new unit types. StarCraft II also features a powerful map editor that allows players to create and share custom maps. Unparalleled online play for StarCraft II is available through a new version of Battle.net, Blizzard Entertainment's world-renowned gaming service. Battle.net has been redesigned from the ground up to be the premier online gaming destination for players of Blizzard games, with several enhancements and new features, such as voice communication, leagues and ladders, achievements, stat-tracking, and much more.

For more information on *StarCraft II*, please visit the official Chinese website at <a href="https://www.starcraft2.com.cn">www.starcraft2.com.cn</a>.

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Entertainment's track record includes thirteen #1-selling games and multiple Game of the Year awards. The company's online-gaming service, Battle.net<sup>®</sup>, is one of the largest in the world, with millions of active players.

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NetEase.com, Inc. is a leading China-based Internet technology company that pioneered the development of applications, services and other technologies for the Internet in China. NetEase's online communities and personalized premium services have established a large and stable user base for the NetEase websites which are operated by its affiliates. In particular, NetEase provides online game services to Internet users through its in-house development or licensing of massively multi-player online role-playing games, including Fantasy Westward Journey, Westward Journey Online II and III, Tianxia II, Heroes of Tang Dynasty and Datang, as well as the licensed game, Blizzard Entertainment's World of Warcraft and StarCraft II.

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