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# WORLD OF WARCRAFT<sup>®</sup>: CATACLYSM<sup>™</sup> TO LAUNCH IN MAINLAND CHINA ON JULY 12, 2011

**SHANGHAI, CHINA – June 20, 2011 –-** Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. and NetEase.com, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTES) today announced that *World of Warcraft<sup>®</sup>: Cataclysm<sup>TM</sup>*, the third expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's award-winning massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG), will launch in mainland China on July 12, 2011. In preparation for the expansion's release, players can now begin the process of background downloading data for version 4.1 of the game client, which will be required to play the expansion upon its release. Complete downloading instructions are available at <u>www.warcraftchina.com/news/2011/6/21/1.html</u>.

"With *Cataclysm*, we built on everything we learned since launching *World of Warcraft* to revitalize the game world for existing players and make it even more accessible to new ones," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "We've always appreciated Chinese gamers' passion and support for *World of Warcraft*, and we're excited that they'll soon be able to enjoy all of the great new content this expansion has to offer."

"Ever since it first launched in China, *World of Warcraft* has been one of the most popular online games among players here. With all of the new features and content it introduces, *Cataclysm* takes the game experience to a whole new level," said William Ding, CEO of NetEase. "We're fully prepared on all fronts to provide great service and support to new and returning players throughout China, and we look forward to welcoming them to the revamped Azeroth."

In *Cataclysm*, the face of Azeroth will be forever altered by the return of the corrupted Dragon Aspect Deathwing. Players will explore once-familiar areas of the world that have been reshaped by the devastation and filled with new opportunities for adventure. In an effort to survive the planet-shattering cataclysm, two new playable races -- worgen and goblins -- will join the struggle between the Alliance and the Horde. As players journey to the new level cap of 85, they'll discover newly revealed locations, acquire new levels of power, and come face to face with Deathwing in a battle to determine the fate of the world.

For more information on *World of Warcraft: Cataclysm*, visit the official website at <u>www.warcraftchina.com</u>.

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## About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

Best known for blockbuster hits including *World of Warcraft*<sup>®</sup> and the *Warcraft*<sup>®</sup>, *StarCraft*<sup>®</sup>, and *Diablo*<sup>®</sup> franchises, Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. (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 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.

## About NetEase.com, Inc.

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