GUNDAM EVOLUTION SEASON 3 OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY WITH THE ADDITION OF HYPERION GUNDAM AND MORE

Content Rollout to Include Three New Units, Balance Patch, and Several Reward Campaigns

TOKYO, JAPAN (Feb. 2, 2023) – Leading video game developer Bandai Namco Online Inc. and publisher Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. today announced the Season 3 launch of *GUNDAM EVOLUTION*. The new season, titled "DEFENCER," will run through April 5, 2023, and adds a plethora of new content to the franchise's first-ever free-to-play hero shooter including Hyperion Gundam as a playable unit. The game is available for download on PlayStation®4, PlayStation®5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X|S, and PC via STEAM®.

To celebrate the Season 3 launch, a new trailer has also been released for *GUNDAM EVOLUTION*, which can be accessed via the following link: https://youtu.be/MwhgmkAED1g

Additional details surrounding new content being added to **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** during Season 3 can be found below:

- Three new mobile suits will be added at monthly intervals, beginning with Hyperion Gundam in February
- An official merging of the North America and Europe matchmaking areas
- Supply pods will be renewed, accompanied by a new unit pack for Hyperion Gundam
- A balance patch will be implemented; full patch notes can be found on the official website.
- Various campaigns and in-game events will be held, including:
 - A material point campaign, in which users can earn up to 600 MP by logging in weekly
 (February 1 March 1, 2023)
 - A Hyperion Gundam login campaign, in which players can earn up to seven Supply Pod
 Tickets by logging in daily (February 1 February 8, 2023)

GUNDAM EVOLUTION is a free-to-play team-based first-person shooter featuring 6v6 PvP combat with playable mobile suits from across the Gundam universe. The game offers three objective-based game modes: Point Capture, Domination, and Destruction. The title presents a unique set of challenges that requires teams to craft and execute formidable offensive and defensive strategies to emerge victorious.

For more information about *GUNDAM EVOLUTION*, including respective regional availability, please visit the official website at <u>GUNDAMEVOLUTION.COM</u>, or join the conversation on Twitter at https://twitter.com/gundamevolution.

About Bandai Namco Online Inc.

"Online games from Japan to the world"

Bandai Namco Online Inc. is a rapidly growing company within the Bandai Namco Group that specializes in the online game business, with a full range of functions from development and operation to publishing.

Our company continues to develop a variety of contents and services for all devices, including the team shooter GUNDAM EVOLUTION, the online action RPG BLUE PROTOCOL, and our original IP IDOLISH7.

Upholding our slogan, "Online games from Japan to the world," we are committed to challenging ourselves to create online games with a unique Japanese twist. While focusing on the production of online games, we will continue to collaborate with other companies both within and outside of the Bandai Namco Group in order to develop a wide variety of entertainment that goes beyond games.

About Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc.

Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc., part of the Bandai Namco Group, is a leading global publisher and developer of interactive entertainment for major video game consoles, PC, online, and mobile platforms. The company is known for creating many of the industry's beloved classic franchises such as PAC-MAN®, GALAGA®, TEKKEN®, SOULCALIBUR®, and ACE COMBAT®, and publishing the critically acclaimed DARK SOULS™ series and the blockbuster title ELDEN RING™. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is also the premier publisher in the Western hemisphere for anime-based video games including GUNDAM™, NARUTO SHIPPUDEN™, DRAGON BALL™, and ONE PIECE®. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is headquartered in Irvine, California. More information about the company and its products can be found at http://www.bandainamcoent.com.

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Sunrise Inc. is a Japanese animation studio founded in September 1972 world renown for its revolutionary "mecha anime" and spearheading the global franchise GUNDAM. The original 1979 Mobile Suit Gundam anime series was made in collaboration with Gundam's director Yoshiyuki Tomino, animator Yoshikazu Yasuhiko, and mechanical designer Kunio Okawara. Partnered with Bandai Namco, Gundam has since become one of the most recognizable Japanese brands worldwide with its myriad of entries, rich storytelling and thematics, breathtaking animation, and model kit empire. Sunrise has also garnered acclaim with such works as Shinichiro Watanabe's Cowboy Bebop, City Hunter, Dirty Pair, Sgt.Frog, Gin Tama, Inuyasha, Tiger & Bunny, and the popular Love Live! idol franchise. Over a span of over forty years, Sunrise has created a broad range of visual products, starting with animations, and many of which have been completely original creations and has also created numerous adaptations of acclaimed light novels including Crest of the Stars, Dirty Pair, Horizon in the Middle of Nowhere and Accel World, and manga such as City Hunter, Inuyasha, Outlaw Star, Yakitate!! Japan, Planetes, Sgt. Frog, Gin Tama, and Kekkaishi. More information about the company and its products can be found at https://www.sunrise-inc.co.jp/international/

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