



NAMCO ANNOUNCES *ACE COMBAT™5* LIMITED EDITION *FLIGHTSTICK 2* PREMIUM BUNDLE SET

Set to Include the Next Installment in the Popular *ACE COMBAT™* Franchise, Premium Flight Stick Peripheral from Hori (U.S.A.), Inc. and an Exclusive Squadron Patch

San Jose, Ca., (September 28, 2004) – Leading video games developer and publisher Namco Hometek Inc. announced today that it has partnered with Hori (U.S.A.), Inc., a Japan-based peripherals manufacturer, to offer a limited edition ***ACE COMBAT™5: The Unsung War Flightstick 2*** bundle set. The bundle set will retail for \$129.99 and will include a copy of the game, the Hori custom *ACE COMBAT* branded *Flightstick 2* peripheral and an exclusive Wardog Squadron Jacket Patch. Developed exclusively for the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system, both ***ACE COMBAT 5*** and its limited edition premium bundle set are due in stores this October.

"We have worked very closely with Hori to ensure that their quality peripheral truly enhances the ***ACE COMBAT 5*** gameplay experience," said Garry Cole, Executive Vice President at Namco Hometek Inc. "We are confident that this bundle set offers gamers the most complete and compelling *ACE COMBAT* experience ever."

Partnering for the first time in the United States, Namco and Hori have previously collaborated on a number of projects in Japan, including the original *Flightstick* peripheral for *ACE COMBAT®04: Shattered Skies*. Taking advantage of ***ACE COMBAT 5's*** realistic and immersive flight combat experience, the *Flightstick 2* offers an analog throttle to control speed and features a layout that takes advantage of the available controls on the stick. This allows the user to fully experience the features and realistic flying experience.

"There are a lot of peripherals currently on the market, but a product from Hori is always unique and well-known for its quality," said Ray Hiyoshi at Hori (U.S.A.), Inc. "The *Flightstick 2* was designed specifically with ***ACE COMBAT 5*** in mind. The top flight simulation game in its genre deserves the best flightstick available — there isn't a better combination out there for fans of flight combat games."

The ***ACE COMBAT 5*** premium bundle set will be available in a limited edition quantity of 20,000 and will be sold at Electronics Boutique and GameStop outlets nationwide beginning October 25th, the day of launch for ***ACE COMBAT 5***. Consumers who purchase the premium set will also receive an exclusive Wardog Squadron Jacket Patch.

As part of the pre-order program, consumers will be able to pre-order the premium bundle set or the game itself and receive a special "making of" DVD chronicling the creation of ***ACE COMBAT 5***, as well as a retailer exclusive set of patches from the game itself.

ACE COMBAT 5 brings together the intensity of squadron command with unforgettable dog fighting and real-life graphics to offer the most power-packed, realistic experience to date in the renowned *ACE COMBAT* franchise. Featuring a compelling storyline with more than 30 missions and 50 licensed planes, players are routinely challenged with air-to-air combat, air-to-ground fighting, air-to-sea assaults, rescue, recon and more. Now offering *Wingman Command*, players can issue mid-mission directives to three

wingmen and carry out coordinated group attacks. Additionally, in-game radio communications add additional depth, strategy and realism to the game's dynamic battle sequences.

Developed by Namco Limited in Japan, **ACE COMBAT 5** ships exclusively for the PlayStation2 computer entertainment system this October for an estimated retail price of \$49.99 (software only).

For more information about **ACE COMBAT 5**, please visit acecombat5.namco.com.

About Namco Hometek Inc.

Namco Hometek Inc. is the U.S. consumer division of Namco Limited, a Tokyo-based world leader in the high-tech entertainment industry. Based in San Jose, CA, Namco Hometek Inc. is an award-winning video games publisher for next generation game consoles. Namco has created some of the industry's greatest video game franchises: Tekken®, SOULCALIBUR®, Dead to Rights®, Pac-Man World™, Ridge Racer®, Time Crisis® and ACECOMBAT™. For more information about Namco and its products log onto www.namco.com.

About Hori (U.S.A.) Inc.

Hori Co. Ltd. is one of the oldest console peripheral makers in the world, with business operations existing in Japan for more than 20 years. The company develops a wide range of peripherals, including regular controllers, specialty controllers, memory cards, cables and remote controls. The company's products are licensed by Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo for the Japanese market. In January 2004, Hori Co. Ltd. opened a U.S. office, Hori (U.S.A.) Inc., to expand its business efforts worldwide. For more information, please visit www.Hori.ne.jp.

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