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Mindscape Ships Chessmaster® II for the Sony PlayStation® Game Console

NOVATO, CA (September 20, 1999) – Mindscape today announced that Chessmaster II for the Sony PlayStation game console ships to retail stores nationwide at an estimated street price of \$39.99. Chessmaster products are already available for handheld systems, and have set the standard for chess gaming on the PC. With Chessmaster II, Mindscape has covered the bases for chess enthusiasts on all three major interactive entertainment platforms: handheld, console and personal computer.

Developed by Starsphere Interactive for one or two players, Chessmaster II is the perfect chess companion for all age groups and skill levels. Beginners are patiently guided through this fun and challenging game with teaching modes that show legal moves, threatened pieces and hidden strategies of your opponent. Intermediate and expert players can elevate their level of play and match wits with 64 cunning human-like opponents. Players can also test their mettle against 30 Grandmaster personalities that read like a who's who of chess: Bobby Fischer, Boris Spassky, Garry Kasparov and Josh Waitzkin, among others.

Chessmaster II features 3D high-resolution graphics with real-time board zoom and rotation. Players can choose from 24 different 2D and 3D chess sets, including the classic Staunton set, Egyptian, Greek, Fantasy and the Isle of Lewis set. Chessmaster II also provides in-game analysis enabling players to anticipate the consequences of their moves, one move at a time. To further sharpen their skills, players can set up any board position and have Chessmaster show the sequence of moves that will solve for mate. For more information on Chessmaster II, visit the Chessmaster website at www.chessmaster.com.

About Mindscape

Mindscape, part of the Home and Games unit of Mattel Interactive, a division of Mattel, Inc. (NYSE: MAT) publishes a variety of entertainment software products under the SSI, Red Orb, and Mindscape brands, including Myst, Chessmaster, Prince of Persia 3D, Panzer General 3D Assault, and Creatures. For more information on Mindscape products, please visit the website at www.mindscape.com.

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