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FIGHT CRIME AS CAPCOM®'S NEWEST SUPER HERO "VIEWTIFUL JOE"" - DELIVERS ASTOUNDING GRAPHICS AND INNOVATIVE GAMEPLAY FOR NINTENDO GAMECUBE $^{\text{TM}}$ -

E³, LOS ANGELES — May 14, 2003 — Capcom®, a powerhouse in the multi-billion dollar video game industry, today announced Viewtiful Joe™ for the Nintendo GameCube™. An all-new concept in video games, Viewtiful Joe blends the latest cel-shaded graphic advancements with classic side-scrolling action gameplay to introduce the world's quirkiest action superhero, Joe! In Viewtiful Joe, "Joe" is sucked into a movie world. Viewtiful Joe redefines the action platform genre by mixing innovative "viewpoint" fighting and amazing cartoon-noir environments, resulting in a visual experience unlike any other. Viewtiful Joe is the brainchild of Capcom's Atsushi Inaba, acclaimed producer of *Steel Battalion* and Hideki Kamiya, director of *Devil May Cry* and *Resident Evil 2*. Capcom plans to release Viewtiful Joe this October.

"Viewtiful Joe is a perfect combination of innovation and technology," said Todd Thorson, director of marketing at Capcom Entertainment. "When you see this game in action, the first thing that will strike you is the game's unique appeal for a classic action platform title. Viewtiful Joe showcases Capcom's legendary ability to bring innovative and original content to the video game industry."

Viewtiful Joe is a super hero with all the confidence, punch and style of a million-dollar action-hero caught in the world of a Hollywood movie. It begins as Joe and his girlfriend, Sylvia, are at the movies watching his favorite superhero, Captain Blue. Somehow, Sylvia is warped into the motion picture realm and it is up to Joe to fight the onscreen crime and rescue her. In the effort of saving his damsel in distress, Joe becomes more than just any ordinary dude. He gains new powers to perform special visual techniques that can be utilized to affect time and initiate a variety of devastating combos on foes. Joe's special powers can also be used to solve various inventive puzzles.

Players will progress through various quasi 2D/3D cel-shaded environments implementing Joe's visual effect abilities to bash enemies with beautiful style. It is up to gamers to activate the correct view mode, such as "Slow," a technique for instantaneously slowing down the action to inflict damage reminiscent of today's films, or "Mach Speed" to destroy enemies using a lighting-fast approach. The blend of a true comic book look and innovative stylized action will set Viewtiful Joe apart from all other games on the market.

Viewtiful Joe boasts the following features:

- Innovative platform game action
- Vividly comic and funky cartoon-style visuals
- Customize visual effects by executing stylish and visionary moves while playing:
 - o Slow down "Slow Power" inflicts detailed attacks and moves

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- o Speed up "Mach Speed" provides lighting speed fists of fury
- O Zoom Enhance the fighting experience by getting up close and person to the action

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