New and Existing Magic Players Will Rule on Xbox LIVE® Arcade Wizards of the Coast Launches Duels of the Planeswalkers for Xbox LIVE Arcade

June 3, 2009, Renton, Wash. — Wizards of the Coast today announced that *Magic: The Gathering - Duels of the Planeswalkers*, an extension of the worldwide *Magic: The Gathering* franchise for Xbox LIVE Arcade, will be available June 17, 2009.

"We're thrilled to introduce the Magic game experience to the Xbox LIVE community," said Greg Leeds, President of Wizards of the Coast. "Duels of the Planeswalkers will allow both new and experienced players to develop and test their skills in the ultimate battle of wits."

In June, fans can challenge game developers and famous *Magic: The Gathering* trading card game players in a *Duels of the Planeswalkers* tournament through Microsoft's online <u>Game with Fame</u> and <u>Game with Developer</u> events. Game with Fame will take place June 20 and Game with Developer will follow on June 27.

Developed by Stainless Games, Ltd., *Duels of the Planeswalkers*, rated T-Teen, lets players simulate the *Magic: The Gathering* trading card game through lush interactive 3-D environments. The arcade-style game takes players on a journey through a vast Multiverse of unique worlds where they are deemed Planeswalkers, powerful mages who battle others for glory, knowledge and conquest.

Players can choose to battle against the computer or compete online against real-life opponents using Microsoft's Xbox LIVE Arcade. With numerous game play

scenarios, including multiplayer game mode, *Duels of the Planeswalkers* offers an unrivaled depth in which each game is different from the last. Wizards of the Coast is supporting this release with an exclusive promotional card, which includes brand new artwork, making *Duels of the Planeswalkers* a game that both new and existing *Magic* players will enjoy.

Introduced in 1993, *Magic: The Gathering* is the first and most widely played trading card game. With more than 10,000 different cards available, *Magic* offers an unrivaled depth of game play with several choices and customizations available for its players.

For additional information on $\it Duels$ of the Planeswalkers, please visit: $\underline{www.duelsoftheplaneswalkers.com}$

