KESHET INTERNATIONAL GAMING PUBLISHES ADDICTIVE NEW VIRTUAL REALITY ARCADE SENSATION, Racket: Nx

Created by Leading Audio Plugins Developer Waves and Developed by Boutique Gaming Studio OneHamsa, Racket: Nx is set to become a Global v-Sport

20 December, 2016 – Keshet International Gaming (KIG) today announced it is to publish the new, hotly anticipated virtual reality game, Racket: Nx to the global gaming community.

Inspired by the classic arcade game Arkanoid, as well as pinball and racquetball, Racket: Nx is a game of skill which tests even the most adept sports player's spatial awareness and challenges their motor control and reflexes to the max. The player is encapsulated in a glass dome floating in outer space and given a racket and ball to strike. The aim is to hit the targets of dynamic patterns on the walls of the dome against the clock. A player can chose to play against the dome, or against other players in real time.

The free Racket: Nx demo was launched on STEAM® this month and has been the subject of rave reviews* (a selection follow below). The full game, which will include Multiplayer and Arcade mode, will launch as early access on the market-leading HTC VIVE VR platform in 2017. KI will exploit the game and franchise internationally, driving it to gamers to Racket: Nx via the app store and arcade networks globally. OneHamsa will continue to provide live services and production pipeline.

Ziv Rabinovich, Head of KI Gaming & Interactive, said, “Thanks to the VIVE’s ‘room scale’ approach, games like Racket: Nx offer the casual arcade experience that many gamers are looking for when turning to VR. v-Sports like this are getting over the “gimmick” stage and are beginning to deliver games that are precise, immersive and competitive as well as providing slick graphical eye-candy and incredible sound. Like any other new platform, it’s all about the gameplay and Racket: Nx delivers. I’m extremely thrilled to have the opportunity to publish Racket: Nx, brilliantly developed by Waves and OneHamsa."

Tomer Elbaz, EVP & GM Consumer Electronics Division of Waves Audio said, "We’re pleased to partner up with Keshet International and consider this to be a great opportunity to expose gamers everywhere to Racket: Nx and the VR capabilities of Waves Nx."
“Waves Nx turns regular headphones into the auditory equivalent of VR goggles and immerses the user into an ultra-realistic soundscape. **Racket: Nx** is the first title designed from the ground up to organically showcase the technology and we couldn’t be more pleased with the end result”.

KIG is charged with creating, developing and producing mobile and social gaming products. It is headed by veteran gaming and TV Executive Ziv Rabinovich. KIG is an independent, international entity developing original games for the consumer market as well as servicing third party clients and exploiting existing Keshet IP.

Waves is the world-leading developer of audio DSP technologies and the driving power behind hit records, major motion pictures and popular video games the world over. A recipient of a Technical GRAMMY® Award, Waves is acclaimed by top professional and prosumer users worldwide. More than 250,000 recording studios, mixing and mastering facilities use Waves’ portfolio of cutting edge technologies on a daily basis to create top-selling music, movies and games. Waves’ professional technologies, 25 years of expertise, and passion for sound are now utilized to meet mobile audio challenges and deliver premium audio experiences on consumer electronics devices.

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*Selected reviews on YouTube, STEAM® Community and Reddit.com*

*YouTube* "**Will cause you to sweat more than a polar bear dropped in the Sahara desert**"

"**Like you're experiencing the future about one year early. This demo has shattered my notion of what is possible.**"

"**Damn this should be an Olympic sport**"

"**I've played almost everything I could in VR and this just feels and looks like one of the most polished games…The Immersion is second to none, it feels amazing, it sounds amazing…I never want to leave the dome. This is the game I will be spending money on.**"

"**I was so focused in the game that I actually felt like I was there and not in the Vive. Extremely immersive in my opinion! Very excited to see this game evolve. Count me in for a purchase!"**

"**My favourite game…Graphics, Lighting effects, physics and sound effects are perfect. The first game I played where I actually almost forgot that I was in VR.**"

More reviews are available on request.

**About Keshet International**
Keshet International is Keshet Media Group’s global distribution and production arm. Headed by CEO Alon Shtruzman, it includes Keshet’s local production outposts (Keshet UK, Keshet Australia, Keshet Studios and Keshet DCP in the US) as well as its global distribution arm. KI’s catalogue consists of over 70 tried and tested properties that appeal to audiences worldwide, spanning all genres.

Highlights include hit drama **Prisoners of War**, the original Israeli version of prime time Emmy® winner Homeland; hit interactive talent show **Rising Star**, International Emmy® nominated docu-reality format **Dear Neighbors, Help**
our Daughter Find Love, talent show Master Class, cross platform format 50 Things You Have to Know, reality dating format Girlfi3nds, game show The Vault, and the International Emmy® award-winning ‘buddy comedy’ Traffic Light.

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