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**SQUARE ENIX AND SNK PLAYMORE ANNOUNCE  
AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

**Tokyo, Japan (August 26, 2015)** – SQUARE ENIX HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (the “Company”) today announces that SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“Square Enix”) and SNK Playmore Corporation (“SNK Playmore”) have reached an amicable settlement on criminal complaint and civil lawsuits regarding the comic series “*HIGH SCORE GIRL*” published by Square Enix (collectively, the “Disputes”). The settlement became effective on August 24, 2015.

**1. Outline of the Disputes**

SNK Playmore brought a criminal complaint against Square Enix and its employees to Osaka Prefectural Police Headquarters on May 26, 2014, claiming that “*HIGH SCORE GIRL*” allegedly infringed SNK Playmore’s copyright. Square Enix consequently brought a lawsuit to seek a declaratory judgment that Square Enix did not infringe SNK Playmore’s copyright to the Osaka District Court on October 8, 2014 followed by a countersuit to the same court filed by SNK Playmore against Square Enix to seek an injunction of the publication on March 16, 2015.

Today, Square Enix and SNK Playmore announced that both companies and Ledo Millennium Co., Ltd. (“Ledo”), a major shareholder of SNK Playmore, have reached an agreement on August 24, 2015 that the Disputes must be resolved promptly to enable the creation of new business opportunities utilizing each company’s content. Based on this agreement, Square Enix and SNK Playmore agreed to settle the Disputes. In accordance with the settlement agreement, SNK Playmore has withdrawn the criminal complaint against Square Enix, and the Osaka District Public Prosecutors' Office has accepted the withdrawal on August 24, 2015.

Both companies and Ledo will pursue developing and providing content that meets customers’ expectations through the creation of new business opportunities.

**2. Major Conditions of the Settlement**

- 1 ) SNK Playmore to withdraw the criminal complaint,
- 2 ) Square Enix and SNK Playmore to withdraw civil lawsuits, and
- 3 ) Square Enix to proceed with the publishing and sales of “*HIGH SCORE GIRL*.”

**3. Future Forecast**

The effect of this settlement on the Company’s financial performance is insignificant.

## **About Square Enix Holdings Co., Ltd.**

Square Enix Holdings Co., Ltd. with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, is a holding company leading the Square Enix Group with a diverse range of content and service businesses. The Square Enix Group publishes, distributes and licenses entertainment content around the world under its internationally renowned brands including SQUARE ENIX®, EIDOS® and TAITO®. The Square Enix Group includes a global network of leading development studios located in North America, Europe and Japan. The Group boasts a valuable portfolio of intellectual property including: FINAL FANTASY®, which has sold over 110 million units worldwide, DRAGON QUEST®, which has sold over 66 million units worldwide and TOMB RAIDER®, which has sold over 42 million units worldwide, and the legendary SPACE INVADERS®.

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