

# **UBISOFT<sup>®</sup> REPORTS THIRD-QUARTER 2012-13 SALES**

- Third-quarter sales above targets, coming in at €802 million
- Outstanding performance by the core gamer segment
- Strong momentum for digital distribution
- Revision of targets for full year 2012-13 and preliminary comments for 2013-14

**Paris, February 7, 2013** – Today, Ubisoft released its sales figures for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2012.

## Sales

Sales for the third quarter of 2012-13 came to €802 million, up 23.0% (or 19.2% at constant exchange rates) compared with the €652 million recorded for the same period of 2011-12.

For the first nine months of fiscal 2012-13, sales totaled  $\leq 1,081$  million versus  $\leq 900$  million in the corresponding prior-year period, representing an increase of 20.1%, or 12.9% at constant exchange rates.

The third-quarter sales figure was above the upper end of the target range of between  $\in$ 740 million and  $\in$ 800 million issued when Ubisoft released its first-half 2012-13 results. The quarter saw the following:

- An outstanding performance by the core gamer segment, driven by very high-quality games. Assassin's Creed<sup>®</sup> 3 was a record-breaking success with more than 12 million sell-in and digitally distributed units, representing an almost 70% increase over Assassin's Creed<sup>®</sup> Revelations. Far Cry<sup>®</sup> 3 was the highest-rated shooter game in 2012 for Xbox360 (with a Metacritic score of 90%), and delivered a much higher-than-expected performance, with already over 4.5 million sell-in and digitally distributed units.
- Very sharp growth for the Online segment, with sales jumping 143% to €55.2 million, led by digital distribution as well as DLC revenues which increased four-fold during the first nine months. Apple named Rayman<sup>®</sup> Jungle Run as the iPhone Game of the Year for 2012 and Trials Evolution is regularly cited as one of the overall best games of the year.
- The anticipated decrease of the Casual segment, which was largely offset by the abovedescribed very strong growth for the core gamer and Online segments. Just Dance<sup>®</sup> 4 delivered a solid performance in comparison with the Wii and Kinect markets. With nearly 8 million sell-in units (representing a contained 16% decrease in value terms compared with Just Dance<sup>®</sup> 3) the title was regularly ranked among the best-selling games worldwide.

Back-catalog sales continued to improve, contracting just 1% to  $\leq 162$  million for the first nine months of 2012-13. This was achieved thanks to sharp growth in online and digital back-catalog sales which offset the decrease for the retail back catalog.

Yves Guillemot, Chief Executive Officer, stated "Fiscal 2012-13 is a real turning point for Ubisoft. Our performance fully validates our long-term choices and the large-scale investments we have been undertaking for several years now, with a sharp ramp-up in games for core gamers and notably our strong comeback into the major segment of shooter games. Assassin's Creed 3 has reported record-breaking sales of over 12 million units and year after year is marking its position as one of the industry's major franchises. We have also reestablished Far Cry as one of the major pillars of our offering for core gamers, with Far Cry 3 the highest rated shooter of 2012 for Xbox 360 and winning the Gamespot People's Choice Game of the Year award. We now have greater visibility in terms of future revenue and profitability for this franchise. Thanks to these successes and the ongoing solid performance for Just Dance, Ubisoft's market share has topped 11% for the first time in both the United States and Europe. Lastly, we are continuing to capitalize on the strong growth trajectory of the Online segment, which in the third quarter of 2012-13 was propelled by a sharp increase in DLC revenues and in digital distribution – a channel that is having an increasingly material impact on our performance."

Yves Guillemot concluded by saying "We are now reaping the initial benefits of the two deepseated transformation processes we have undertaken, namely the Lead and Associate structure for our creative studios, and internal development of our online expertise with versatile teams. In 2013-14, thanks to an even stronger offer for core gamers and continued robust momentum for free-to-play games and digital distribution, Ubisoft should continue to capitalize on these underlying trends and win new market share in both the retail and online channels. Consequently, in the next fiscal year we expect to see further growth in both sales and current operating income."

## Outlook

## Full-year 2012-13

The Company is further revising its full-year 2012-13 targets for sales and current operating income<sup>1</sup>, which were already raised when Ubisoft released its results for the first half of 2012-13. Sales are now expected to come in at between  $\leq 1,240$  million and  $\leq 1,260$  million, compared with the previous target of between  $\leq 1,200$  million and  $\leq 1,260$  million, and current operating income<sup>1</sup> is now expected to amount to between  $\leq 90$  million and  $\leq 100$  million, versus the previously-announced range of between  $\leq 70$  million and  $\leq 100$  million.

## Sales for the fourth quarter of 2012-13

The fourth quarter will see the following releases:

- Trials Evolution on PC through digital distribution;
- the Open Beta of Anno<sup>™</sup> Online, a free-to-play game on PC; and
- Might & Magic Clash of Heroes<sup>®</sup> on IOS

Ubisoft expects fourth-quarter 2012-13 sales to amount to between  $\leq$ 159 million and  $\leq$ 179 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Before stock-based compensation

#### Significant events

<u>Market share</u>: In calendar 2012, Ubisoft was the number 3 independent publisher in the United States with 10.7% market share (compared with number 3 and 8.4% one year earlier) and was number 3 in Europe with 11.2% market share (compared with number 3 and 8.7%).

Bond placement: Ubisoft placed €20 million worth of bonds with a six-year term and a 3.99% coupon.

<u>THQ Montreal and South Park: The Stick of Truth</u>: Ubisoft has acquired THQ Montreal as well as the publishing rights for the upcoming South Park: The Stick of Truth video game, which is being developed externally by Obsidian.

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## **APPENDICES**

#### Breakdown of sales by geographic region

	% CA	% CA	% CA	% CA
	Q3 2012/13	Q3 2011/12	9 months 2012/13	9 months 2011/12
Europe	36%	44%	37%	43%
North America	57%	50%	56%	50%
Rest of world	7%	6%	7%	7%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

## Breakdown of sales by platform

	Q3 2012/13	Q3 2011/12	9 months 2012/13	9 months 2011/12
Nintendo DS™	1%	2%	1%	2%
Nintendo 3 DS™	1%	1%	1%	1%
PC	7%	6%	8%	6%
PLAYSTATION <sup>®</sup> 3	33%	23%	30%	23%
PSP™	0%	0%	0%	1%
Wii™	14%	36%	17%	34%
XBOX 360™	37%	31%	35%	30%
PS VITA	2%	-	2%	-
Wii U™	4%	-	3%	-
Autres	2%	1%	3%	3%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

## Breakdown of sales by business line

	Q3 2012/13	Q3 2011/12	9 months 2012/13	9 months 2011/12
Development	99%	98%	98%	97%
Publishing	1%	1%	1%	1%
Distribution	0%	1%	1%	2%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

## **Title release schedule** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (January – March 2013)

## PACKAGED GOODS

IMAGINE<sup>®</sup> CHAMPION RIDER (EMEA)

Nintendo 3DS™

## ONLINE DIGITAL MOBILE

ANNO <sup>™</sup> ONLINE	PC Web-based
CSI: MIAMI HEATWAVE	IOS
MIGHT AND MAGIC CLASH OF HEROES®	IOS
MONSTER BURNER	Windows Phone
NUTTYFLUFFIES <sup>™</sup>	Android
RABBIDS <sup>®</sup> GO PHONE AGAIN	Windows Phone
RAYMAN <sup>®</sup> JUNGLE RUN	Windows Phone
TOYS′R′US <sup>®</sup> TOWERS <sup>™</sup>	IOS
TRIALS EVOLUTION GOLD EDITION	РС