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**FOR SCIENCE! *THE BOOMSDAY PROJECT*<sup>™</sup> BLASTS OFF IN  
*HEARTHSTONE*<sup>®</sup>**

*Study up on Azerothian science with 135 experimental new cards in the latest expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's internationally acclaimed digital card game*

*For a limited time, players can log in to Hearthstone to claim three free packs and a class Legendary card*

**IRVINE, California—August 7, 2018**—Legions of lab coat-clad *Hearthstone*<sup>®</sup> players have filed into Dr. Boom's secret laboratory to begin work on *The Boomsday Project*<sup>™</sup>, the newest expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's smash-hit digital card game. *The Boomsday Project* blasts off today with 135 explosive new cards and a slew of electrifying new gameplay mechanics.

No project is deemed too difficult (or too dangerous) for Dr. Boom and his colorful team of scientists, engineers, and researchers. In *The Boomsday Project*, players will encounter raw, unfiltered science in the form of irresponsibly powerful **Omega** cards, which become incredibly potent when played at 10 mana crystals. They'll also be inexplicably attracted to the new **Magnetic** keyword, which allows Mech minions to merge, combining their attack, health, and abilities to form mind-blowing amalgamations of doom. In addition, unwilling participants will be subjected to **Projects**, maniacal spells that *appear* to be mutually beneficial to both parties. And players will surely handle the immensely powerful new **Legendary Spells**, representing the pinnacle of scientific achievement, in a proper and responsible manner.

"Today, *Hearthstone* players everywhere can unleash their inner evil genius in *The Boomsday Project*," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "We packed this expansion with all kinds of things that go boom, and we can't wait to see the new strategies that players concoct."

Interns are encouraged to get acquainted with laboratory protocol and emergency procedures, because in two weeks, they'll become responsible for running **The Puzzle Lab**—the challenging new single-player *Hearthstone* experience coming to *The Boomsday Project*. In The Puzzle Lab, players will face a series of increasingly difficult puzzles as they attempt to impress Dr. Boom with their quick wits and neglect of safety regulations. Further details about this brain-bending new game mode will be announced soon.

*The Boomsday Project* is available now for Windows<sup>®</sup> and Mac<sup>®</sup> PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android<sup>™</sup> tablets; and iOS and Android phones. Card packs can be purchased individually or in discounted bundles from the in-game Shop for gold or real-world currency at the same pricing as all other *Hearthstone* card packs. Players now have the chance to win *The Boomsday Project* card packs as quest rewards or prizes in the Arena, and can also craft cards from the expansion by using Arcane Dust collected from disenchanting

unwanted cards.

For a limited time, players who log in to *Hearthstone* will receive **three *The Boomsday Project* card packs and a free random Legendary class minion or Hero card** in celebration of the expansion's launch.

Throw caution to the wind and visit [TheBoomsdayProject.com](http://TheBoomsdayProject.com) to further research the expansion.

Assets available at: <https://blizzard.gamespress.com/Hearthstone>

#### **About Hearthstone**

With more than 70 million players worldwide, *Hearthstone*® is Blizzard Entertainment's internationally acclaimed, free-to-play digital card game designed for novice and veteran card-slingers alike. Players can choose from nine powerful hero classes and customize their decks with minions, spells, and weapons based on the unique fantasy of the *Warcraft*® universe. Featuring a variety of game modes ranging from epic head-to-head duels to story-driven solo adventures, *Hearthstone* offers a vibrant and rewarding experience stacked with strategy, personality, and fun. *Hearthstone* is available globally for Windows® and Mac® PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android™ tablets; and mobile phones.

#### **About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.**

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\*Sales and/or downloads, based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.

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