



**Empire Interactive secures PC rights to Sega's premier light-gun game, *House of the Dead 2* and it's unique sister title *Typing of the Dead*.**

Empire Interactive today announced that they have secured the rights to 2 of Sega's most high-profile titles; *House of the Dead 2* and *Typing of the Dead*.

Developed and converted by Sega Enterprises, Ltd, both titles are a perfect recreation of the highly regarded Dreamcast versions and it's arcade parent.

The PC version of *House of the Dead 2* is virtually identical to the arcade sequel and looks phenomenal. The monsters and their environments are incredibly well modelled and textured, and your gunshots blast gory green holes through the zombies. The PC version also boasts four different modes: arcade, original, boss and training. The arcade is the heart of the game, where you shoot zombie after zombie and confront boss after boss. In Original mode you can set your bullets for extra damage or expand your clip. Boss mode allows you to practice taking on the game's boss monsters, whilst training mode sets the player up in a number of point-blank-style puzzle / shooting levels. Here you'll shoot a number of creatures with only a limited number of bullets, save humans from zombie attacks, knock zombies off moving cars and blast barrels within a time limit.

Following on from the extremely successful *House Of The Dead* series, Sega came up with the intriguing title, *Typing of the Dead*, where the light-gun has been replaced with a keyboard. In *Typing of the Dead* you type a word that appears onscreen in a large rectangular box in front of each creature attacking you. As you type each letter in sequence, it will disappear from the box, leaving only those untyped letters remaining. If you make a mistake, the next letter will remain until you hit the right letter. The faster and more accurately you type the words, the faster you'll blast the Zombies and the higher your score will be. Of course, if your typing isn't up to scratch, the monsters will eventually get close enough to take a bite out of you, lowering your health one life at a time. This really is one of Sega's most entertaining titles to date.

Both *House of the Dead 2* and *Typing of the Dead* are unique and exciting propositions for retailers and consumers. Empire Interactive will be releasing 'House of the Dead 2' as a limited edition package, which will be bundled with a light-gun and also as software only. The titles will be backed with an extensive marketing and pr campaign and retailers will be provided with a wide range of Point-of-Sale material.

Mr Ishihara, General Manager of Sega Enterprises stated, "Having worked with Empire Interactive last year on the highly successful launch of *Sega Rally*

2, we are very happy to be working with Empire on these 2 new titles. The strength of their sales and marketing operation throughout Europe is proof that the titles are in excellent hands”.

Empire Interactive’s CEO, Ian Higgins said “We are delighted to extend our relationship with Sega on these 2 fabulous titles”. “House of the Dead 2 is a flagship product, having already been a number 1 hit on the Dreamcast and therefore has the potential to be a big hit on the PC platform”.

“Also, the fact the we’ll be bundling a light-gun with House Of The Dead 2 increases the appeal to PC Gamers, making it a very attractive package”, he added.

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House of the Dead 2 and Typing of the Dead will be released before Christmas this year.

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