

Frontier Developments announces SteamVR support for Elite Dangerous

HTC Vive support coming as a free update to the massively multiplayer space epic this Holiday season

Cambridge, UK. 21 September 2015. Frontier Developments plc (AIM: FDEV) today announced it will support SteamVR and the HTC Vive virtual reality headset in the PC version of its massively multiplayer space epic *Elite Dangerous*.

The HTC Vive will be the first virtual reality headset available to consumers, and *Elite Dangerous* will support Vive on PC from launch via a free update available Holiday 2015.

SteamVR support in *Elite Dangerous* marks the latest step in Frontier Developments' ongoing commitment to immersive, high resolution virtual reality experiences.

'We're thrilled to announce SteamVR support as part of the ongoing expansion of *Elite Dangerous*,' Frontier Developments' Chief Creative Officer Jonny Watts said. 'Back in December 2013 we were among the first to support virtual reality with a triple-A game, and for me, exploring, trading and fighting throughout *Elite Dangerous*' 1:1 scale Milky Way remains an unequaled virtual reality experience. We have been working closely with Valve to bring *Elite Dangerous* to HTC Vive, and we are delighted with the quality we have been able to achieve.'

'Frontier's Elite Dangerous is an excellent example of a team leveraging the versatility of the Vive and Steam VR,' Valve's Chet Faliszek said. 'Players take the helm of an amazing starship experience, and we look forward to showing it for the first time on Vive at EGX.'

Visitors to this week's EGX 2015 gaming show can experience a preview of *Elite Dangerous* and HTC Vive at the *Elite Dangerous* and HTC booths. EGX 2015 takes place in Birmingham, UK from Thursday 24 September until Sunday 27 September.

Celebratory week-long sale

To celebrate the announcement, Frontier Developments is placing *Elite Dangerous* for PC and Mac on sale for one week only at <u>FrontierStore.net</u> and <u>Steam</u>. Until Monday 28 September, *Elite Dangerous* will be available for £17.99 (\$26.99, €22.49, 1,349 Rubles) – 40 percent off its usual RRP of £29.99 (\$44.99, €37.49, 2,249 Rubles).

All PC versions of *Elite Dangerous* will be updated to offer SteamVR support at no extra cost this Holiday season.

Announcing Mayhem

New *Elite Dangerous* players are invited to join existing players in the two-week *Elite Dangerous* Mayhem community event, beginning today.

All players will be granted early access to the 'open gamma' release of *Elite Dangerous 1.4 CQC* and invited to participate in a series of competitive and cooperative events across the pre-release test galaxy, to be livestreamed at Twitch.tv/EliteDangerous.

The free 1.4 CQC expansion launches in October for PC, Mac and Xbox One, introducing instant arena-based PVP action to the Elite Dangerous galaxy in Close Quarter Combat Championships (CQC). CQC launches with Capture The Flag, Deathmatch and Team Deathmatch modes, and headlines a list of other features and improvements affecting the open galaxy.

For more information hit <u>EliteDangerous.com</u>. For press assets, hit <u>EliteDangerous.com/press</u>.

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About Elite Dangerous

Elite Dangerous is the critically acclaimed, award winning third sequel to the genre-defining Elite, created in 1984 by David Braben and Ian Bell. Elite Dangerous brings gaming's original open world adventure into the modern generation with the entirety of the Milky Way of the year 3301 recreated at its full galactic proportions, an evolving player-driven narrative, and fully connected multiplayer experience.

Starting with only a small starship and a few credits, players do whatever it takes to earn the skill, knowledge, wealth and power to survive in a futuristic cutthroat galaxy and to stand among the ranks of the iconic Elite. In an age of galactic superpowers and interstellar war, every player's story influences the unique connected gaming experience and evolving narrative. Governments fall, battles are lost and won, and humanity's frontier is reshaped, all by players' actions.

Elite Dangerous: Horizons – the new season of expansions for Elite Dangerous – launches this Holiday on PC for £39.99 (\$59.99, €49.99, 3,990 Rubles) with the first expansion, Planetary Landings, and is available for pre-order today at FrontierStore.net.

About Frontier Developments

Frontier Developments plc is a leading independent game developer founded in 1994 by David Braben, co-author of the seminal *Elite* space simulation. Based in Cambridge, UK, Frontier uses its proprietary 'COBRA' game development technology to create innovative games across consoles, computers, smartphones and tablets.

Elite Dangerous is in ongoing development and is available now for PC, Mac and Xbox One. Elite Dangerous: Horizons, a new season of gameplay expansions for Elite Dangerous is currently in development for PC alongside Frontier's second major self-published PC title, Planet Coaster. Other Frontier titles include RollerCoaster Tycoon 3, Thrillville, LostWinds, Kinectimals, Kinect Disneyland Adventures, Zoo Tycoon, Tales From Deep Space and ScreamRide.