

Get ready for Total War from March 3rd 2009

Release dates and minimum system specifications for Empire: Total War announced

LONDON (28th January, 2008) – SEGA Europe Ltd. today announced that the next iteration of the critically acclaimed Total War™ series, **Empire: Total War** will be shipped to stores in North America and Canada from the 3rd March and available to buy in stores around the world from the 4th March. In addition, customers will be able to purchase the game as a digital download from 18:00 GMT on the 3rd of March, with the exception of North American and Canadian customers who will be able to purchase a digital download from 09:00 GMT on the 4th of March.

Please note that all retail and digital download copies require activation via STEAM, the leading online platform for PC games and digital entertainment.

If purchased via STEAM, pre-loading will be available 48 hours in advance of the release date in your territory. For more information about STEAM please visit www.steampowered.com.

The minimum system specifications for **Empire: Total War** are:

Operating System: Windows XP 32(service pack 2), Windows Vista 32 OS.

Processor: 2.4 GHz Single Core Intel or AMD equivalent processor.

System Memory: 1GB RAM (XP) 2GB RAM (Vista).

Graphics Card: 256MB DirectX 9.0c compatible video card (shader 2.0 or higher).

Sound Card: Directx9.0c compatible sound card.

Windows compatible mouse & keyboard.

15 GB free uncompressed hard drive space.

Empire: Total War is set in the 18th century, a turbulent era that is the most requested by **Total War**'s loyal fan base and a period alive with global conflict, revolutionary fervour and technological advances. With themes such as the Industrial Revolution, America's struggle for independence, the race to control Eastern trade routes and the globalisation of war on land and sea, **Empire: Total War** promises to be the richest and most dynamic PC strategy game of all time. **Empire: Total War** will be released from the 3rd of March, exclusively for PC.

For more information about the game, please visit www.totalwar.com. For assets, please visit www.sega-press.com.

