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The New Mexico Film Office Announces Video Game *Xenotheria* is Developed in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. –The New Mexico Film Office announces the video game *Xenotheria*, developed by Ganymede Games, is in production through December 2021 in Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

"It's extraordinary to have Ganymede Games located in southern New Mexico, and we are excited to see cutting-edge video games such as *Xenotheria* developed here. Video game production is a sector of the industry that we are developing as we look to expand New Mexico into a multimedia ecosystem," said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

Xenotheria is a science-fiction, role-playing video game developed for the PC and all major console platforms. "*Xenotheria* is moving full steam ahead because of the critical capital provided by the New Mexico digital media incentives," said Jerry Prochazka. "We're thrilled to move through the development stages and the external testing phase," added Rob Thompson, Co-Founder of Ganymede Games. "We're excited to begin testing *Xenotheria* with a wider group of players."

Ganymede Games is an independent games studio in Las Cruces, NM. The company consists of a mix of industry veterans and fresh talent. Having worked together at companies like Riot Games and Wargaming, co-founders Jerry Prochazka and Rob Thompson are joined by developers who left high-tech cities' cost and noise for affordable, high quality of life with plenty of local biomes to explore.

Their team includes seasoned gamers, adventure seekers, nature enthusiasts, and animal lovers. In addition, they value humility, passion, curiosity, learning, and healthy doses of creative risk-taking and personal adventure. "For the Ganymede team, New Mexico is the ideal place to work and live," noted Jerry Prochazka.

All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state's operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions, and COVID Safe Practices. Those restrictions include but are not limited to the adherence to occupancy maximums, the maintaining of physical

distancing between individuals, wearing masks, routine disinfection, symptom screenings, and more.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID Safe Practices can be found at nmfilm.com

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