Dune: Spice Wars Unveils First DLC 'House Vernius of Ix' with Free Major Update –

Join the Battle with ‘Heroes of Dune’

Warner Bros. and Legendary’s “Dune: Part Two” is Currently in Theaters Worldwide

**Oslo, Norway – March XX, 2024** – *Dune: Spice Wars,* licensed from Legendary Entertainment, introduces a real-time 4X game set on Arrakis. Developed by Shiro Games and published by Funcom, the game is poised to expand its universe with the first post-launch DLC. Paired with the revolutionary *Heroes of Dune* free update, this release empowers each faction with controllable Hero units.

These new additions promise to elevate the real-time 4X gaming experience to unprecedented levels of excitement and strategy.

The *House Vernius of Ix DLC*, priced at €12.99 / $12.99, introduces the technologically advanced Ixians as the game’s seventh faction. Hailing from the technologically advanced Ixian Confederation and led by the cybernetically enhanced Rhombur Vernius, they discreetly explore the self-learning tech forbidden by the Butlerian Jihad.

Much anticipated by the community, the Ixians unlock radically new playstyles focused on research and diplomacy. They have the ability to control a larger number of drones than other factions and possess unique ways of controlling and limiting opponents’ technology. With their high reliance on Standing, Alliances are essential to their success. Thanks to their reduced reliance on water, however, they are unusually effective in the harsh environment of Arrakis.

The *Heroes of Dune* update marks a major milestone for *Dune: Spice Wars*, allowing players to control legendary individuals from the Dune universe. With each faction offering a choice of two Heroes, players can recruit from a total of fourteen iconic characters, each with its own active skill, global effect, and localized effects. From Duncan Idaho and Gurney Halleck for the House Atreides to Chani Kynes and Otheym for the Fremen, players can now lead their chosen faction with legendary figures, reshaping the course of history on Arrakis.

In addition to these exciting new features, the free update includes several improvements to combat, enriching the gaming experience and making it more accessible to players of all skill levels.

Newcomers to *Dune: Spice Wars* can pick up both the base game and DLC at a 10% discount with the *Ixian Edition*, also available now. The base game is also 35% off during the Steam Spring Sales until March 21. *The House Vernius of Ix DLC* and *Heroes of Dune Free Update* are available right now on Steam and Xbox X|S.

**ABOUT FUNCOM**

**Funcom is an independent developer and publisher of online games for PC and consoles. Funcom has provided outstanding entertainment since 1993 and continues to expand its track-record of more than twenty released games. Titles include ‘Conan Exiles‘, ‘Secret World Legends’, ‘Age of Conan: Hyborian Adventures’, ‘The Longest Journey', 'Anarchy Online', 'The Park', and 'Dreamfall: The Longest Journey'.**

**ABOUT SHIRO GAMES**

**Shiro Games is an independent video game development studio based in Bordeaux, France. The team is made of talented and passionate developers who strive for excellence and are brave enough to make bold decisions on a daily basis. Titles include ‘Evoland’, ‘Evoland 2’, open world RPG ‘Wartales’, and the critically acclaimed RTS ‘Northgard’.**

**About “Dune: Part Two”:**

**“Dune: Part Two” explores the mythic journey of Paul Atreides as he unites with Chani and the Fremen while on a path of revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the known universe, he endeavors to prevent a terrible future only he can foresee.**

**Denis Villeneuve returns to direct from a script he wrote with Jon Spaihts, based on Frank Herbert’s novel. Mary Parent, Cale Boyter, Villeneuve, Tanya Lapointe and Patrick McCormick produce. The executive producers are Joshua Grode, Herbert W. Gains, Jon Spaihts, Thomas Tull, Brian Herbert, Byron Merritt, Kim Herbert, with Kevin J. Anderson serving as creative consultant.**

**Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures Present a Legendary Pictures Production, a Film by Denis Villeneuve, “Dune: Part Two.”  A Warner Bros. Pictures’ release, the film is currently in theaters worldwide.**