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Munich District Court Decides in Favor of Nintendo in a Piracy Matter

With its judgement of 20 June 2012, the Munich District Court sent a strong signal in regards to piracy. It concerns the German consumer electronics market and particularly those who continue to import and sell so-called Slot-1-cards for the Nintendo DS system. These cards, - such as R4, DSTT, Acekard (and similar versions) - are used to circumvent the anti-piracy technologies deployed in the Nintendo DS and authentic DS games. They enable the play of illegal copies of Nintendo games which are often downloaded from the Internet.

The District Court now ordered a seller of such devices to pay damages in the amount of 1 million EUR to Nintendo.

Nintendo welcomes the decision, as it demonstrates another important step against the proliferation of game copiers throughout Germany. Nintendo promotes creativity, fosters video game development and supports the game developers who legitimately create innovative applications. Nintendo initiates these actions not only on its own behalf, but also in the interest of over 1,400 video game-development companies that depend on legitimate sales of games.

Since Slot-1-cards appeared on the German market, Nintendo has obtained 22 court decisions against their importation and distribution. In all cases, it was declared that these cards are illegal under German law. In addition, favourable court decisions against sellers of game copiers have also been issued by courts in: Belgium, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Spain, Taiwan and the UK.

For more information about Nintendo's fight against piracy, visit <http://ap.nintendo.com> and for more information on Nintendo itself, please see <http://www.nintendo-europe-media.com> .