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## **ISFE 2020 Counterfeit and Piracy Watch List Submission**

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ISFE represents the video games industry in Europe and is based in Brussels, Belgium. Our membership comprises national trade associations in 18 countries across Europe which represent in turn thousands of developers and publishers at national level. ISFE also has as direct members the leading European and international video game companies, many of which have studios with a strong European footprint, that produce and publish interactive entertainment and educational software for use on personal computers, game consoles, portable devices, mobile phones and tablets.

ISFE is grateful to the Commission for again gathering the information necessary to enable it to shed light on marketplaces outside of the EU that facilitate the mass infringement of video game industry products and services and that are either sheltered from, or impervious to, the deterrent effects of enforcement actions.

#### **Hosting Providers**

IP-infringing websites commonly turn to offshore hosting providers that support their infringing activities and that don't ask too many questions. These so-called "bulletproof" providers are very lenient regarding the content they permit to be uploaded and distributed via their networks.

**FlokiNET:** FlokiNET (<https://flokinet.is/>) is a hosting provider established in Iceland that allows the anonymous hosting of infringing content and that doesn't respond to infringement notices or warning letters from rightsholders. FlokiNET allows the hosting of websites associated with infringing activity, including video game piracy and the distribution of devices that circumvent the technological protection measures (TPMs) of video game consoles, such as <https://team-xecuter.com> and <https://sc.xecuter.com> (on which see further below).

#### **Content Delivery Networks**

**CloudFlare:** CloudFlare is a US-based company that provides hosting services combined with other services, including content delivery network (CDN) services and distributed domain name server (DNS) services.

While CDNs are used by legitimate websites and services, pirate websites make specific use of them to protect themselves from investigations and from notice-and-takedown requests from rightsholders, and also to speed up the transmission of large files, such as infringing copies of video games. If a website uses CloudFlare, the IP address of the back host (that actually hosts the content) is replaced by one of CloudFlare's dedicated IP addresses and is therefore no longer ascertainable, and CloudFlare does not easily provide information on the IP address of the back host. CloudFlare is

used by as many as 100 domains involved in the making available or hosting of pirated copies of video games, among them some of the websites causing the most economic harm to the industry.

CloudFlare is also used by at least 20 websites involved in the production, distribution and sale to end users of devices designed to circumvent the security on video game consoles, such as the prominent team-xecuter.com website (on which see further below) which is responsible for the design, manufacture and wholesale distribution of circumvention devices for the Nintendo Switch console. CloudFlare therefore acts as an important intermediary in the delivery of pirated video game content throughout the world.

### **Circumvention Device Distributors**

**Team-xecuter.com:** This Panama-registered site provides product information about the SX circumvention device product range, a discussion forum, a 'support chat' functionality and a page listing 'authorized resellers' of the SX product range. Team-Xecuter is an anonymous group of hackers that designs and manufactures an unauthorised operating system ("OS") called the "SX OS" and accompanying piracy tools or circumvention devices that install it. These circumvention devices strip away or circumvent the technological protection measures (TPMs) that Nintendo has put into place to protect its copyrighted software and video games from unauthorised access and copying. The sole purpose of the circumvention devices and the SX OS is to hijack the Nintendo Switch console by circumventing its technological protection measures, thereby allowing the Switch to be used for massive intellectual property theft and infringement. The Team-xecuter.com website acts as a hub for the SX family of circumvention products. Visitors are directed to resellers of the circumvention products which are set out by geographical location. Wholesale customers are also directed to a webpage where they can purchase these products in bulk.

The sale of circumvention devices and of custom firmware fuels video game piracy as it is not possible to play unauthorised copies of video games on Nintendo's video game consoles without circumventing Nintendo's TPMs.

Team-xecuter.com had a global site ranking in April 2020 of 79,274, with Monthly Visits of 710,407 and Monthly Unique Visitors of 310,403 (source: SimilarWeb). The number of estimated global visitors to the site since June 2018 (when the SX Pro was launched) is over 9.5 million, with more than 3 million of those coming from Europe.

The SX pro is the first and most popular circumvention device for the Nintendo Switch. The SX Pro is a bundle consisting of a hardware dongle and a license for the SX OS custom firmware which customises the original firmware on the Switch and circumvents the TPMs deployed by Nintendo to protect its games and those of other publishers from copyright infringement. The circumvention device and its customised firmware have been repeatedly updated in response to Nintendo's security updates (sources: SimilarWeb and Nintendo).

The SX OS custom firmware is available as a free download, but if users wish to have the full functionality of the SX OS (including the playing of unauthorised copies of video games), they need to purchase either an SX OS license or the SX Pro bundle.

The SX Pro and SX Gear hardware dongles are sold throughout the world either through local e-commerce websites or via websites operated from Asia.

The team-xecuter.com website contains advertising which most likely serves as an additional revenue source.

In 2019, Nintendo obtained a website blocking injunction from the English High Court against 5 major broadband providers, which included an order to block their subscribers from accessing team-xecuter.com.

European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on the Switch console are all negatively affected by this website's activities.

The operator of team-xecuter.com has not responded to infringement notices sent by Nintendo.

**Sx.xecuter.com:** This Panama-registered site makes available the 'SX OS' custom firmware which – in combination with a hardware dongle (the 'SX Pro' or 'SX gear') – circumvents the technological protection measures deployed by Nintendo to protect its games and those of other game publishers from copyright infringement. The SX OS is available as a free download, however if users wish to have the full functionality of the SX OS (and that includes the playing of unauthorised copies of video games), they need to purchase either an SX OS license or an SX Pro bundle that includes both the SX Pro hardware dongle and SX OS license. Once purchased, buyers of the SX OS need to visit sx.xecuter.com to activate the SX OS license.

The sx.xecuter.com site contains a link to a page with 'authorized resellers' of the SX Pro, SX Gear and SX OS. The actual sales of the devices and software licenses take place through these reseller websites.

The SX Pro bundle is currently the most popular circumvention product for the Nintendo Switch globally and in Europe (sources: SimilarWeb and Nintendo). The operator of this site has not responded to infringement notices sent by Nintendo.

The sale of circumvention devices and custom firmware fuels video game piracy as it is not possible to play unauthorised copies of video games on Nintendo's consoles without circumventing Nintendo's TPMs.

Visitors to this website since June 2018, when SX products were launched, are more than likely accessing the alternative domain of the main team-xecuter.com website in order to download the custom firmware that is made available there. The numbers of estimated global visitors to the site since June 2018 is almost 7 million with more than 2.5 million visitors coming from Europe (source: Nintendo).

In 2019, Nintendo obtained a website-blocking injunction from the English High Court against 5 major broadband providers, which included an order to block their subscribers from accessing sx.xecuter.com.

European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on the Switch console are all negatively affected by this website's activities.

### **Cyberlockers/Sharehosters**

**Uptobox.com:** Uptobox.com is a popular cyberlocker/sharehoster platform (registered in the Bahamas) where users upload and share unauthorised copies of Nintendo video games. This platform has a high global ranking (source: SimilarWeb): Global rank in April 2020: 1,294, Monthly visits in April 2020: 44.65 million, Monthly Unique Visitors in April 2020: 12.2 million. Between January and April 2020, Uptobox.com hosted over 1,000 pirate copies of Nintendo video game titles (source: Nintendo).

Uptobox.com offers premium packages with extra download speed, unlimited online storage, unlimited downloads and higher upload data caps, among other benefits. This encourages users to

upload and download large files such as unauthorised copies of video games. While the platform does comply with infringement notices, it does so slowly. According to our member company, Nintendo, the average time it takes for Uptobox.com to remove pirate copies of their video games from its servers is over 140 days from receipt of an infringement notice.

Around 50% of the worldwide traffic to Uptobox.com comes from Europe, and in particular from France (41%) (source: SimilarWeb).

All new releases for the Nintendo Switch (and in many cases also for other game platforms) are uploaded and hosted on Uptobox.com, sometimes even before their official release dates. Given the high traffic to websites that index links leading to these pirate copies, the harm perpetrated by this cyberlocker/sharehoster platform may be described as serious both in the EU and globally. European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo consoles are all negatively affected by the activities of this platform.

**Ddownload.com:** Ddownload.com is a popular Panama-registered cyberlocker/sharehoster platform where users can upload, store and share unauthorised copies of video games. There is a clear affiliation between Ddownload.com and another sharehoster platform, Ddl.to, as all links with the domain ddl.to/... are automatically converted to ddownload.com/... links. Users who seek to access Ddl.to are also automatically redirected to Ddownload.com.

From January to April 2020, Ddownload.com (and previously Ddl.to) hosted over 2,500 unauthorised copies of Nintendo video game titles.

This platform had a global site ranking in April 2020 of 39,854, with Monthly Visits of 1.68 million, and Monthly Unique Visitors of 754,062 (source: SimilarWeb).

Ddownload.com offers premium packages with extra download speed, online storage and higher upload/download data caps.

Over 50% of worldwide traffic to Ddownload.com originates from Europe and in particular from Germany (43%). Ddownload.com hosts pirate files that are accessible from German linking websites like ddl-warez.to (source: SimilarWeb).

All new releases for the Nintendo Switch (and in many cases also for other game platforms) are uploaded and hosted on this platform, sometimes even before their official release dates.

There is a low level of compliance with infringement notices. Where pirated copies are removed, this is not done expeditiously and may take many months. This delay in removing pirate copies of video games results in many more downloads taking place. Ddownload.com claims to have an advanced tool to address copyright infringements, but the process to get access to this tool is either too burdensome or not working at all (source: Nintendo).

European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo video game consoles are all negatively affected by this platform's activities.

### **Linking Sites**

Linking sites aggregate, categorise, organise and index links to infringing copies of complete versions of video games stored on third-party hosting websites, cyberlockers/sharehosters or other sites containing pirated content. Linking sites often categorise links by content type and offer search tools. Linking sites do not host the content themselves but link users to third party sites, thereby

reducing these sites' maintenance costs. Linking sites generate revenue from user donations, online advertisements and/or download pay-outs. The following sites are notable due to their heavy traffic, high volume of infringing video game file links, and non-responsiveness to infringement notices. The removal of these linking websites would have a major impact on limiting the access to infringing game files.

**Tirexo.com**: This Panama-registered domain, which now re-directs to “www2.tirexo.org”, is a relatively new linking site that has become more popular since April 2020. SimilarWeb recorded low levels of traffic to the site before April but then a sharp increase (around 75%) in April. This is due to automatic redirects from previously popular sites Zone-warez.com and Zone-warez.org, and from French sites like zone-telechargement.vip, zone-telechargement.lol, etc (80% of worldwide traffic to Tirexo.com comes from France).

This site had a global site ranking in April 2020 of 32,753, with Monthly Visits of 1.34 million, and Monthly Unique Visitors of 306,653 (source: SimilarWeb).

This advertising-funded site provides tens of thousands of links to infringing content hosted on third party platforms (cyberlockers/sharehosters) like Uptobox.com, 1fichier.com and Uploaded.net (on the 2018 Watch List). As of 29 May 2020, tirexo.com offered:

Films: 66,164 titles

TV Series: 18,687 titles

Music: 8,854 titles

Games: 1,993 titles (including games for the Nintendo Switch, Nintendo 3DS and Wii).

All new releases for the Nintendo Switch (and in many cases also for other game platforms) are made available on this site, sometimes even before their official release dates. So, based on the high levels of web traffic to the site, particularly from France, the economic harm to Nintendo and other ISFE member companies who develop and publish games for Nintendo platforms is estimated to be serious.

In the period January-April 2020, Nintendo identified 133 links to pirated Nintendo games indexed on the tirexo.com, zone-warez.com, zone-warez.org and zone-telechargement websites combined. Again, the significant numbers of visitors to the site and the ease with which users can find and access the respective links, are likely to result in high levels of download activity. Tirexo.com therefore acts as an important hub for many downloads of pirate copies of Nintendo games. European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo video game consoles are all negatively affected by this site's activities.

Subscribers of some French internet access providers have been blocked from accessing some of the websites that redirect to tirexo (e.g. zone-telechargement.lol, zone-warez.com).

**Wawacity.ninja**: This new advertising-funded linking site has also become more popular since March 2020, enjoying a 126% increase in traffic in April (source: SimilarWeb), probably due to redirects from formerly popular pirate sites wawacity.ec, wawacity.top, etc.

The site had a global ranking in April 2020 of 14,227, with Monthly Visits of 3.87 million, and Monthly Unique Visitors of 352,097 (source: SimilarWeb).

Wawacity.ninja makes available tens of thousands of unauthorised copies of copyright protected content (films, TV series, music and video games) by providing links to this content hosted on third party platforms (cyberlockers/sharehosters) like Uptobox.com, 1fichier.com and Uploaded.net (on 2018 Watch List). As of 29 May 2020, wawacity.ninja offered a list of 1,560 games, including games for the Nintendo Switch, Nintendo 3DS and Wii game consoles.

Over 440 games for Nintendo Switch, including the latest releases and mega-sellers can be found on the site, as well as pre-releases of games that have only just been published, e.g., “Animal Crossing: New Horizons” made available on Wawacity on 18 March when the official release date was 20 March, and “Xenoblade Chronicles: Definitive Edition” made available on Wawacity on 25 May when the official release date was 29 May.

82% of worldwide traffic to wawacity.ninja comes from France, which is one of the biggest video game markets for Nintendo in Europe. All new releases for the Nintendo Switch (and in many cases also for other game platforms) are made available on this site, sometimes even before their official release dates. So, based on the high levels of web traffic to this site, particularly from France, the economic harm to Nintendo and to other ISFE members that develop and publish games for Nintendo platforms is estimated to be very serious. European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo video game consoles are all negatively affected by this site’s infringing activities.

During the period January-April 2020, Nintendo identified 88 links to pirated Nintendo games indexed on the Wawacity website. The significant numbers of visitors to the site and the ease with which they can find and access the respective links are likely to result in high levels of download activity. Wawacity.ninja therefore acts as an important hub for many downloads of pirate copies of Nintendo games.

**Annuaire-telechargement.best:** This is another new linking site that has attracted considerable traffic since January 2020. It is a successor to a domain that was part of the “zone-telechargement” cluster of pirate websites.

This advertising-funded site had a global ranking in April 2020 of 20,682, with Monthly Visits of 2.56 million, and Monthly Unique Visitors of 239,961 (source: SimilarWeb).

Annuaire-telechargement makes available tens of thousands of unauthorised copies of copyright protected content (films, TV series, music and video games) by providing links to this content hosted on third party platforms (cyberlockers/sharehosters) like Uptobox.com or 1fichier.com.

On 29 May 2020, annuaire-telechargement.best offered more than 1,500 games in its “games” section, including games for Nintendo Switch, Nintendo 3DS and Wii.

Over 440 games for Nintendo Switch, including pre-releases of the latest titles can be found on the site, e.g., “Animal Crossing: New Horizons” made available on 18 March when the official release date was 20 March, and “Xenoblade Chronicles: Definitive Edition” made available on 25 May when the official release date was 29 May.

90% of worldwide traffic to annuaire-telechargement.best comes from France, which is one of the biggest video game markets for Nintendo in Europe. All new releases for the Nintendo Switch (and in many cases also for other game platforms) are made available on this site, sometimes even before their official release dates. So, based on the high levels of web traffic to this site, particularly from France, the economic harm to Nintendo and to other ISFE members that develop and publish games for Nintendo platforms is estimated to be very serious. European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo video game consoles are all negatively affected by this site’s infringing activities.

During the period January-April 2020, Nintendo identified 268 links to pirated Nintendo games indexed on the annuaire-telechargement.best website. The significant numbers of visitors to the site and the ease with which they can find and access the respective links are likely to result in high levels of download activity. Annuaire-telechargement.best therefore acts as an important hub for many downloads of pirate copies of Nintendo games.

**Ddl-warez.to:** This site makes available tens of thousands of unauthorised copies of copyright protected content (films, TV series, music and video games) by providing links to this content hosted on third party platforms (cyberlockers/sharehosters) such as DDownload.com (formerly DDL.to).

As of 29 May 2020, ddl-warez.to offered approximately 8,000 unauthorised copies of video games for download in its “games” section. Games for Nintendo Switch include the very latest releases and mega-sellers like “Animal Crossing: New Horizons”.

The following message appears on the website at the following link: <https://ddl-warez.to/abuse/>: *“This website is controlled from Switzerland and addresses Swiss visitors, so the place of jurisdiction is Winterthur (Switzerland) and the laws of Switzerland apply.”*

This advertising-funded site had a global ranking in April 2020 of 14,859, with Monthly Visits of 3.91 million, and Monthly Unique Visitors of 309,620 (source: SimilarWeb).

98% of the worldwide traffic to ddl-warez.to comes from the area formed by Germany (78%), Austria and Switzerland, which is one of the biggest video game markets for Nintendo in Europe (source: SimilarWeb). Based on the high levels of web traffic to this site, the economic harm to Nintendo and to other ISFE members that develop and publish games for Nintendo platforms is estimated to be very serious. European developers, musicians, artists, writers and publishers who hold IP rights subsisting in video games published on Nintendo video game consoles are all negatively affected by this site’s infringing activities.

During the period January-April 2020, Nintendo identified 496 links to pirated Nintendo games indexed on ddl-warez.to. The significant numbers of visitors to the site and the ease with which they can find and access the respective links, are likely to result in high levels of download activity. This domain therefore acts as an important hub for many downloads of pirate copies of Nintendo games.

**Skidrowreloaded.com:** This website makes available infringing download links for PC game titles. It is named after a group that “cracks” PC game titles so that they can be played for free. The website receives over 21m visits a month and virtually every single PC title is made available on the website. Multiple links are posted, so even if some links are removed, users can still download files via links that are not removed by the site operators.

In April 2020, the domain received 21.6m unique visits giving it a global ranking of 2,860 according to SimilarWeb. 10% of traffic to the site is from France and Spain.

Since September 2016, Ukie (UK Interactive Entertainment, the industry’s trade body in the UK) has sent 873 takedown notices to this site for 2,545 pages offering 62,973 infringing download links. Revenue is generated by pop-up banners that appear when the user visits the individual pages making available the game titles.

Individual pages reported using the email provided ([skidrowreloaded@hotmail.com](mailto:skidrowreloaded@hotmail.com)) are removed, but often new pages for the game title are reposted and so have to be reported again. The underlying infringing download links are reported to the relevant site operators such as rapidgator.net and uploaded.net.

**rlsbb.ru:** This website makes available infringing download links for PC/Mac games and applications, e-books, movies, music and TV shows.

In April 2020, the domain received 6.45 million unique visits giving it a global rank of 8,999 according to SimilarWeb. 19% of the traffic is from the United Kingdom and Germany.

Since September 2016, Ukie has sent 238 takedown notices to this site for 1,171 pages offering 77,024 infringing download links.

Revenue is generated by pop-up banners which appear when a user visits the individual pages making the game titles available.

Individual pages reported to the site's hosting provider (ColoUp via CloudFlare) have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to site operators such as rapidgator.net and uploaded.net. Users can add additional download links via the site's comments section if the original links are removed.

**fitgirl-repacks.site**: This website makes available infringing download links for PC game titles. The site's hosting provider is Server Panel (via CloudFlare).

In April 2020, the domain received 19.5 million unique visits giving it a global rank of 3,439 according to SimilarWeb. 5% of the traffic to the site is from France. Since October 2018 Ukie has sent 156 takedown notices to the site for 439 pages offering 3,137 infringing download links. Users create a thread and post details about a game title with the infringing links posted on external sites such as Google Drive, rapidgator.net. Some users will hide links using services such as filecrypt.cc so they can generate revenue from the downloads. Revenue is also generated by banner and pop-up ads on the website.

Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to site operators, such as Google and rapidgator.net.

**switch-xci.com**: This website makes available infringing download links for PC, Sony PlayStation, Nintendo and Xbox consoles/handheld devices. The sites hosting provider is NameCheap via CloudFlare.

In April 2020, the domain received 1.9 million unique visits giving it a global rank of 27,336 according to SimilarWeb. 11% of the traffic to the site is from France and the United Kingdom. Since July 2019, Ukie has sent 133 takedown notices to the site for 370 pages offering 4,564 infringing download links.

Users create a thread and post details about the game title with the infringing links posted on external sites such as Google Drive, rapidgator.net. Some users will hide links using services such as ouo.io so that they can generate revenue from the downloads.

Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to site operators, such as rapidgator.net and Google.

**scene-rls.net**: This website makes available infringing download links for PC games, magazines, movies and TV Shows. The site's hosting provider is Xtom.com (via CloudFlare).

In April 2020, the domain received 2.05 million unique visits giving it a global ranking of 22,151 according to SimilarWeb. 15% of the traffic to the site is from the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany.

Since September 2016, Ukie has sent 149 takedown notices to the site for 994 pages offering 2,618 infringing download links.

Revenue is generated by internet traffic to the website and the revenue generated by the download files (<https://rapidgator.net/article/resource>).

Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to the site operators, such as rapidgator.net and nitroflare.com.

**downloadha.com:** This Iran-based website also makes available infringing download links for PC game titles. A large volume of the game titles are locally hosted and therefore impossible to remove.

The hosting provider (Asiatech Data Transmission Company) has ads on the site. In April 2020, the domain received 2.05 million unique visits giving it a global ranking of 27,353 according to SimilarWeb.

Since November 2017, Ukie has sent 158 takedown notices to the site for 1,103 pages offering 9,057 infringing download links.

Users create a thread and post details about the game titles, but unlike other sites the download files are hosted on servers linked to the site, such as dl6.downloadha.com. The servers are located in Iran and therefore the foreign traffic received generates revenue for the site operator. Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed.

**gamewii.net:** This Vietnam-registered website makes available infringing download links for PC, Sony PlayStation, Nintendo and Xbox consoles/handheld devices. Making available game titles across different platforms means that this is a “one-stop” shop for game piracy, which is why the volume of traffic and content being made available has increased since monitoring started on the site. The registrant’s name is Trinh Viet Hung and the hosting provider is Abelo Host (via CloudFlare).

In April 2020, the domain received 640,000 unique visits giving it a global ranking of 64,958 according to SimilarWeb.

Since September 2019, Ukie has sent 75 takedown notices to the site for 300 pages offering 4,002 infringing download links.

The site’s revenue is generated by pop-ups and banners ads. The underlying infringing links are shielded behind the link protector service, Shrinkearn.com which is another source of revenue. Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to the site operators, such as Google, Mega and MediaFire.

**Isosland.net:** This website makes available infringing download links for PC, Sony PlayStation, Nintendo and Xbox consoles/handheld devices, and is another site profiting from making available games using link protection services which pay-out based on page views.

The site’s hosting provider is Asiatech Data Transmission Company.

In April 2020, the domain received 210,000 unique visits giving it a global ranking of 199,987, according to SimilarWeb. 23% of the traffic to the site is from France, the United Kingdom and Spain.

Since September 2016, Ukie has sent 160 takedown notices to the site for 1,535 pages offering 23,585 infringing download links.

Users create a thread and post details about the game titles with the infringing links posted on external sites such as Google Drive, rapidgator.net. Some users will hide links using services such as adf.ly to generate revenue from the downloads. Revenue is also generated by pop-ups and banner ads on the website.

Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to the site operators, such as Google and rapidgator.net.

**emudesc.com**: This website makes available infringing download links for PC, Sony PlayStation, Nintendo and Xbox consoles/handheld devices. It offers a large catalogue of old and new titles and is, therefore, another “one-stop shop” for video game piracy. The site’s hosting provider is CloudFlare.

In April 2020, the domain received 200,000 unique visits giving it a global ranking of 197,128, according to SimilarWeb. 17% of the traffic to the site is from Spain.

Since September 2016, Ukie has sent 143 takedown notices to the site for 952 pages offering 3,050 infringing download links.

Users create a thread and post details about the game titles with the infringing links posted on external sites such as Google Drive, rapidgator.net. Some users will hide links using services such as ouo.io so that they can generate revenue from the downloads.

Individual pages reported to the hosting provider have not been removed. The underlying infringing links are reported to the site operators, such as rapidgator.net and Google.

**ISFE Secretariat, 5 June 2020**