



## “Thomas & Friends™: Read & Play” learning app/e-book launches globally

Thomas-themed e-books, games, videos in one mobile app

**Hong Kong, 7 December, 2016** — ‘All Aboard!’ Animoca Brands (ASX: AB1) and Mattel Inc. (Nasdaq: MAT) today announced the global availability of ***Thomas & Friends™: Read & Play***, the subscription-based children's entertainment and learning mobile app based on Mattel's popular preschool franchise *Thomas & Friends™*.

*Thomas & Friends: Read & Play* is now available for iPhone®, iPad® and iPod touch® on the App Store<sup>SM</sup>. It is also available in Early Access on Google Play™ for Android™ devices. Featuring Thomas the Tank Engine™, Gordon, James, Percy and other characters from *Thomas & Friends*, the new app offers a broad range of fun and educational content and activities delivered in an interactive e-book format.

*Thomas & Friends: Read & Play* encourages preschool children and emergent readers to learn in a Thomas-themed environment. The app includes a range of e-books, videos, games, creation tools and other educational or entertainment activities that a child can enjoy alone or with parents or friends.

The app features well-loved characters like Thomas the Tank Engine, Sir Topham Hatt, Cranky the Crane, Toby the Tram and many other denizens of the island of Sodor. *Thomas & Friends: Read & Play* provides children with a fun and interactive learning experience based on material that they already love.

*Thomas & Friends: Read & Play* is available for a subscription fee (US\$ 4.99/month), which unlocks access to all available content and all weekly updates. A trial version is available free of charge.

Mattel and Animoca Brands partnered in May 2015 and have since published six mobile games based on well-known Mattel brands, including *Thomas & Friends™*, *Ever After High™*, *Monster High™*, and *Masters of the Universe™*.



With the launch of *Thomas & Friends: Read & Play*, Animoca Brands continues to diversify its product portfolio from traditional freemium games to e-book products and subscription services.

**Download links, images, and trailer:**

App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1090320498>

Google Play (Early Access):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.animocabrands.google.thomasWorld>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QACXzCTr5jl>

Screenshots: <http://www.animocabrands.com/thomas-friends-read-play-global-launch>

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**About Animoca Brands**

Animoca Brands (ASX:AB1) publishes globally a broad portfolio of over 400 mobile games, including several titles based on popular intellectual properties like Garfield, Thomas & Friends™, and Doraemon. The company's games have been downloaded over 240 million times. For more information visit [www.animocabrands.com](http://www.animocabrands.com) or get updates by following Animoca Brands on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Google+](#).

**About Mattel**

Mattel is a creations company that inspires the wonder of childhood. Our mission is to be the recognised leader in play, learning and development worldwide. Mattel's portfolio of global consumer brands includes American Girl®, Barbie®, Fisher-Price®, Hot Wheels®, Monster High® and Thomas & Friends®, among many others. Mattel also creates a wealth of lines and products made in collaboration with leading entertainment and technology companies. With a global workforce of approximately 31,000 people, Mattel operates in 40 countries and territories and sells products in more than 150 nations. Visit us online at [www.mattel.com](http://www.mattel.com).

**About Thomas & Friends™**

Thomas the Tank Engine™ was created by a father for his son 70 years ago and today is enjoyed by families in more than 300 territories and in over 40 languages. The No.1 blue engine and his friends invite children to enter a world of imagination through the tracks of a train and the words of a story. Children embark on adventures with their engine friends while experiencing timeless life lessons of discovery, friendship and cooperation. Thomas & Friends

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makes tracks to great destinations on PBS KIDS® in the US and on Five's Milkshake! and Nick Jr in the UK and on CCTV in China. Downloadable episodes are available through iTunes. For more information about the world of Thomas the Tank Engine™ and his friends, please visit [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com).

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