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GAMES STUDIO **QUANTUM SOUP** FOUNDED IN NORTH WALES
Veterans of Traveller's Tales form independent studio to develop original IP

Carrog, Wales - July 20th, 2016 - Veteran Traveller's Tales developers Chris Payne and Ralph Ferneyhough have formed Quantum Soup Studios Ltd in partnership with S4C. Both directors are BAFTA members and co-founders of Games Wales North. The studio will develop original IP for multiple platforms.

> "We've been mentoring local talent as the northern arm of the Games Wales group for several years," said Managing Director Chris Payne, "so it's very exciting to be taking our own advice and starting a studio here to create our own games."

Ralph Ferneyhough started in the industry in 1994 working as a programmer for Sony Psygnosis. Since then, he has worked on over 30 titles across ten console platforms, plus PC, iOS and Android devices. Many of those have topped their respective charts and gone on to win multiple industry accolades, including four BAFTA awards. Joining Traveller's Tales in 2000, he was part of the original design team for *LEGO Star Wars*, which launched the multi-million selling franchise. Ralph is also Senior Lecturer in Games Development at Chester University.

Chris Payne has worked in the industry since 1996 at several developers including Electronic Arts and Intelligent Games, before joining Traveller's Tales in 2001 where he has worked on multiple movie adaptations and as a key part of the LEGO franchise team, sharing in the same success story and accolades. Chris and Ralph worked together on thirteen of those titles as part of the Game Mechanics team.

S4C is the only Welsh language television channel in the world, broadcasting 115 hours of programming each week across a range of platforms. S4C's online services include the s4c.cymru website and a range of free apps which allow viewers to watch and interact with programmes. The Cyw website for very young children features a range of educational apps and games, and there are games, apps and bonus content for older children on the S+ platform.