



## “Galaxy Defenders: The Earth Strikes Back!” now online on Kickstarter

*Ares Games and Gremlin Project launch a crowdfunding campaign for two new expansions, that bring the cooperative tactical Sci-Fi miniatures game to new battlefields*

May 28th, 2014 – The new **Galaxy Defenders** campaign – “The Earth Strikes Back!” – starts today on Kickstarter.

In this “Season 2”, Ares Games and Gremlin Project present two new expansion sets, “Operation Strikeback” and “Extinction Protocol”, which will bring the cooperative science-fiction board and miniature game to new battlefields. The campaign ends on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 am CEST (1 am UTC/GMT).



The upcoming expansions are set after Agents have won the battle on Earth, destroying the Alien Mothership. In **Operation Strikeback**, the Agency launches [a strike against the Invaders' base on the Moon](#), with the help of genetically modified new agents to face [new the alien menaces](#).



In **Extinction Protocol**, it's time for [the final assault on the Alien home planet](#), with Agents equipped with a new generation of weapons and wearing awesome Power Armor to fight [the deadly perils and the worst enemy they ever faced](#).

Each of these expansions can be used independently of the other, and each of them include a similar amount of content as the Core Set: more than 20 figures (and possibly more added through stretch goals), new maps, lots of new weapons, tactics, and devices.

The two sets are the backbone of the new Kickstarter campaign. They will release simultaneously (expected for February 2015), and all pledge levels include both sets.

The expansion set **Operation Strikeback** is expected to have an SRP of \$75, while **Extinction Protocol** is expected to have a suggested retail price of \$85. All Kickstarter backers will receive, in addition to the two expansions, two exclusive figures, Niobium and



Tritium, which are the first representatives of two new classes in the game – Psionic and Support.

The initial funding goal is US\$ 40,000, and backers can choose to support the game at different pledge levels, streamlined into three "color-coded" main choices:

- **Earth (Blue)** - the entry level of the campaign, include the new expansions and the KS Exclusive figures as rewards, keeping the pledge at the minimum;
- **Moon (Red)** – for who wants everything included in this Kickstarter,
- **Galaxy (Purple)** – all rewards of Moon level and stretch goals, plus the Core Set and the Elite Alien Army expansion.

Several options – such as additional miniatures, new ways to use existing miniatures, new cards, new gameboards, extra weapons and devices – will be offered during the campaign, many of them free of charge to all backers.

If the funding level is exceeded, Stretch Goals will add new rewards. The project starts with three stretch goals already announced, and more will be revealed as the campaign goes on.

Based on the experience of its previous Kickstarters, Ares Games will organize the shipment of the rewards to be "EU-friendly". Shipments within the European Union will not have to clear customs.

For more information and to pledge, visit the **Galaxy Defenders The Earth Strikes Back! Kickstarter** page at [LINK].

Check also more details about the Kickstarter campaign and the upcoming expansions in the [preview articles](#) available in Ares Games website.

### **About Galaxy Defenders**

Galaxy Defenders is a cooperative Sci-Fi tactical game inspired to the Sci-Fi cult movies of the 80s and 90s. To face the imminent invasion of a predatory alien race on Earth, the Agency starts to recruit and train agents for an elite squad, ready to engage the hostile aliens with no mercy: the Galaxy Defenders. In the game, up to 5 players – each taking control of one or more agents with unique powers – fight together against the alien menace. The aliens are controlled by the game itself using an innovative card-driven A.I. system. The battle develops in a series of scenarios organized in a story-driven campaign.



The game was launched with a campaign on Kickstarter in April 2013, with US\$ 180,252 pledged and 1080 backers. It was delivered to KS backers on January 2014, and went in distribution on February 2014, selling out in few weeks. A reprint will be available in July.

To know more about the game, visit:

**Galaxy Defenders dedicated website:** [www.galaxy-defenders.com](http://www.galaxy-defenders.com)

**Galaxy Defenders section on Ares Games website:**

<http://www.aresgames.eu/games/galaxy-defenders-line>

**Galaxy Defenders Facebook page –**

<https://www.facebook.com/GalaxyDefendersBoardGame>

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#### **About Ares Games**

Ares Games is an Italian board game publisher established in 2011 to create quality hobby products for the international audience. Ares Games is the publisher of the award-winning "War of the Ring" board game, of "Wings of Glory" range of airplane combat games and miniatures, recreating aerial warfare in WW1 and WW2, and more recently, of the tactical ship-to-ship miniature game "Sails of Glory" and the cooperative tactical Sci-Fi miniatures game "Galaxy Defenders". Ares Games' catalog also includes Family Games and Euro Games. For further information, visit the website [www.aresgames.eu](http://www.aresgames.eu) and the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/AresGames>.

#### **About Gremlin Project**

Gremlin Project is an Italian board game designer studio founded in 2011 focused on creating well-designed, highly enjoyable board games experiences. Gremlin Project aims to be a company made by board gamers for board gamers. Gremlin Project is the designer of the Galaxy Defenders board game, a cooperative tactical Sci-Fi miniatures game. For more information, visit the website [www.gremlinproject.com](http://www.gremlinproject.com).

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