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## Media Alert

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### **XBOX MOST BUZZED ABOUT GAME CONSOLE SO FAR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, ACCORDING TO NIELSEN ONLINE**

**New York, NY – December 11, 2008** – Nielsen Online, a service of the Nielsen Company, reported today that Microsoft's Xbox 360 garnered the largest share of online buzz among the top game consoles, with 41.6 percent of messages mentioning Xbox, Wii or Playstation between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>. Wii and PlayStation ranked No. 2 and 3 with 29.8 and 28.6 percent of game console messages, respectively.

**Table 1: Share of Game Console Buzz**

Game Console	Percent of Buzz
Xbox	41.6
Wii	29.8
PlayStation	28.6

Source: Nielsen Online, BuzzMetrics

\*Based on messages posted to all blogs between November 1 and December 9, 2008. Percentages are based on total number of messages mentioning at least one of the three consoles.

Among selected gift ideas, TV-related terms dominated buzz, with 52.5 percent of gift-related messages, followed by DVDs, with a 24.4 percent share and toys with 11.3 percent.

**Table 2: Share of Gift-Related Buzz (among selected topics)**

Gift	Percent of Buzz
TV	52.5
DVD	24.4
Toys	11.3
Laptop	8.4
GPS	3.4

Source: Nielsen Online, BuzzMetrics

\*Based on messages posted to all blogs between November 1 and December 9, 2008. Percentages are based on total number of messages mentioning at least one of the above gifts.

Consumers looking for discounts should check out the top message boards citing messages with the

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word “coupon” or “coupons,” ranked below.

**Table 3: Top Message Boards ranked by Share of Messages Mentioning “Coupons”**

Board
<a href="http://forums.slickdeals.net">http://forums.slickdeals.net</a>
<a href="http://www.fatwallet.com">http://www.fatwallet.com</a>
<a href="http://www.redflagdeals.com">http://www.redflagdeals.com</a>
<a href="http://www.weightwatchers.com">http://www.weightwatchers.com</a>
<a href="http://www.disboards.com">http://www.disboards.com</a>
<a href="http://messageboards.ivillage.com">http://messageboards.ivillage.com</a>
<a href="http://www.terismessageboard.com">http://www.terismessageboard.com</a>
<a href="http://www.cheapassgamer.com">http://www.cheapassgamer.com</a>
<a href="http://boards.cruisecritic.com">http://boards.cruisecritic.com</a>
<a href="http://forums.gottadeal.com">http://forums.gottadeal.com</a>

Source: Nielsen Online, BuzzMetrics

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