

## **Alien: Blackout Trademarked for use in Video Games**

Games press site [Gematsu](#) has reported that trademarks for Alien: Blackout have been registered for use in video games by 20th Century Fox.

The trademarks for Alien: Blackout cover computer game discs and software, in addition to the ability to provide online computer games via the internet. While this doesn't confirm either way whether the new title will be a self-contained experience or game-as-a-service, it shows that both are available options for the new title.

In early 2018 FoxNext Games acquired Cold Iron Studios in order to work on a new Alien game. The rumours at the time hinted at this game being a persistent online world, which further indicates that the new Alien title could well take the form of a game-as-a-service.

However, now more rumours have begun to surface, fuelled by Tweets hinting at a new game from the producer at The Game Awards. Geoff Keighley posted on his Twitter account an image using the Weyland Utany text on a black background, which Alien fans will be familiar with from the films. The text said 'Worlds Will Change'.

Keighley has added to this image by not only repeating the text that's in the image, but giving a date for when the game is likely to be announced, the 6th of December. This is no coincidence, as The Game Awards begin at 8.30PM EST on the 6th of December, indicating that the new Alien title is going to be announced during the live event while millions of gamers tune into the show.

The Alien franchise has headed in a different direction over recent years. The movies have shifted to grander spectacles that cover the time period before the original movie, and the games took a back seat for a long time after the launch of Aliens: Colonial Marines.

However, Alien Isolation brought the Alien games back to their roots with a horror title that holds up today. The game saw the release of some particularly brilliant DLC, which inspired titles such as The Persistence. An always-online Alien game would struggle to match the same level of tension and horror that Alien Isolation did, but that's not to say it's impossible. Only time will tell just what sort of game the next Alien title will be, and whether it will look more like the film Alien, or Aliens.