"Cosmos: Possible Worlds" to Premiere Monday March 4 on National Geographic

National Geographic today announced the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning COSMOS will return for its third season beginning Monday, March 4 at 10/9c. Airing as a global event on National Geographic in 172 countries and 43 languages, it will also air on FOX in the US. The 13-part series will once again be executive-produced, written and directed by Ann Druyan (NASA's Voyager Record, "Cosmos: A Personal Voyage," "Contact") and executive-produced by Seth MacFarlane ("Family Guy," "The Orville," "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey"), Brannon Braga ("The Orville," "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey"), who also is co-writer and director of the series, and Jason Clark ("The Orville," "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey"). Neil deGrasse Tyson, the famed pop-culture icon, astrophysicist and host of the Emmy Award-nominated "StarTalk," will return as host. Continuing the legacy of its predecessors, COSMOS: POSSIBLE WORLDS will translate the revelations of science into a lavishly transporting experience, taking audiences on a series of spiritual voyages of exploration. The new season will reveal previously uncharted realms, including lost worlds and worlds to come, and those that we may one day inhabit in a thrilling future we can still have. Co-created by the legendary astronomer Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan in 1980, COSMOS has transported a global audience to the farthest reaches and most deeply hidden recesses of the universe. In the course of those journeys, the series has examined the real stories of the forgotten searchers who helped us understand our place in the universe. The highly anticipated return of the worldwide phenomenon follows a wildly successful run in 2014 as the most-watched series ever on National Geographic Channels internationally, being seen by more than 135 million people worldwide on National Geographic and FOX. In conjunction with the launch of the new season, National Geographic will publish a companion book, COSMOS: POSSIBLE WORLDS, by Ann Druyan, the long-awaited followup to Carl Sagan's international bestseller, COSMOS: A Personal Voyage. Sale date is February 19, 2019. COSMOS: POSSIBLE WORLDS is produced by Cosmos Studios, the Ithaca, NY-based company Ann Druyan co-founded in 2000, and Fuzzy Door Productions, Seth MacFarlane's company. Druyan and Brannon Braga are the series' writers. Druyan, MacFarlane, Braga and Jason Clark executive-produce. "Like" COSMOS: POSSIBLE WORLDS on Facebook at CosmosOnTV. Follow the series on Twitter @CosmosOnTV. See photos and videos on Instagram by following @CosmosOnTV. # # # ABOUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERS LLC National Geographic Partners LLC (NGP), a joint venture between National Geographic and 21st Century Fox, is committed to bringing the world premium science, adventure and exploration content across an unrivaled portfolio of media assets. NGP combines the global National Geographic television channels (National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, Nat Geo MUNDO, Nat Geo PEOPLE) with National Geographic's media and consumer-oriented assets, including National Geographic magazines; National Geographic studios; related digital and social media platforms; books; maps; children's media; and ancillary activities that include travel, global experiences and events, archival sales, licensing and e-commerce businesses. Furthering knowledge and understanding of our world has been the core purpose of National Geographic for 130 years, and now we are committed to going deeper, pushing boundaries, going further for our consumers ... and reaching millions of people around the world in 172 countries and 43 languages every month as we do it. NGP returns 27 percent of our proceeds to the nonprofit National Geographic Society to fund work in the areas of science, exploration, conservation and education. For more information visit natgeoty.com or nationalgeographic.com, or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn and

Pinterest. ABOUT FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY Fox Broadcasting Company (FOX), a unit of 21st Century Fox, is home to some of the highest-rated and most acclaimed series on television, including 9-1-1, EMPIRE, THE ORVILLE, THE GIFTED, THE RESIDENT, LETHAL WEAPON, GOTHAM, STAR, THE SIMPSONS, FAMILY GUY, BOB'S BURGERS, HELL'S KITCHEN, MASTERCHEF, MASTERCHEF JUNIOR, THE FOUR: BATTLE FOR STARDOM, BEAT SHAZAM, SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE and GORDON RAMSAY'S 24 HOURS TO HELL AND BACK; as well as new series THE COOL KIDS, REL, LAST MAN STANDING, THE PASSAGE and PROVEN INNOCENT. FOX airs 15 hours of primetime programming a week, as well as major sports and Sunday morning news. Through the FOX NOW app, FOX viewers can watch full episodes of their favorite FOX shows on a variety of digital platforms, while enjoying enhanced interactive and social capabilities around those shows. Download the FOX NOW app at www.fox.com/foxnow. To watch primetime programming live on the web, visit www.fox.com/live. "Like" FOX on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FOXTV and follow the network on Twitter @FOXTV. For additional information about FOX, please visit www.fox.com. ABOUT COSMOS STUDIOS Co-founded in 2000 by CEO and visionary Ann Druyan, Ithaca, NY-based Cosmos Studios creates, produces, and distributes eye, brain, heart and soul-nourishing science-based entertainment in all media. Cosmos Studios aims to tear down the walls that have excluded so many from the scientific enterprise. We work to demystify the language, values, and drama of science, to give everyone the power of its permanently revolutionary methodology. Carl Sagan, and those privileged to work with him, demonstrated that there is a world-wide appetite for compelling entertainment that reflects our dawning awareness of cosmic evolution and our place in its great story. There is a planet-wide hunger for images and dreams that reflect our radically altered sense of who, where, and when we are... where we might go, who we might become. In collaboration with award-winning writers, artists, filmmakers, producers, researchers, engineers, educators, artists, and a growing list of partners across science, communications, and finance, we seek to touch audiences with the soaring spiritual high that comes from grasping science's central revelation- our oneness with the cosmos. Come with us at www.cosmosstudios.com on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CosmosStudiosOfficial/ on Twitter at twitter.com/CosmosStudios1 on Instagram at www.instagram.com/cosmosstudiosofficial/ ABOUT FUZZY DOOR PRODUCTIONS Led by director, writer and producer Seth MacFarlane, Fuzzy Door Productions is the production company behind many of today's most successful film and television projects. Jason Clark serves as its President and oversees all areas of development and production for the company's film and television slate. Fuzzy Door produced "COSMOS: A Spacetime Odyssey," and currently produces FOX's hit space adventure series, THE ORVILLE, as well as the beloved animated television shows FAMILY GUY and "American Dad!." On the film side, Fuzzy Door has produced "Ted," "Ted 2" and "A Million Ways to Die in the West." MEDIA CONTACT: Chris Albert, chris.albert@natgeo.com, 202-912-6526