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## German game production house expands to Kotka, Finland

German game production house, Remote control productions (RCP), is expanding its operations outside the German-speaking world and establishing a subsidiary in Finland. Kotka-Hamina regional development company Cursor Oy and RCP have agreed to establish a joint venture in Kotka, Finland. The innovation environment and technology know-how in Finland are the cornerstones, which make the country a pioneer in the game industry.

In Germany, RCP coordinates one of the most significant game developer networks in the industry, providing services for gaming companies in the areas of business development, sales and marketing and publishing. Established in 2005, the RCP family has a staff of more than 130 experts and the company's headquarters are located in Munich. The company co-operates with companies such as Chillingo, Deep Silver, Rovio and Ravensburger Digital, and has been involved, among other things, in the making of Angry Birds Epic, which has been downloaded more than 50 million times.

Remote Control Productions Finland will start operations in Kotka in late 2015. The unit will work closely with the RCP's German headquarters, Cursor and Playa Game Industry Hub, a game developer community operated by Cursor. The aim of the joint venture is to create a commercial game business accelerator and bring RCP's expertise within reach of game companies in Finland. In the first phase in 2016, RCP Finland is seeking cooperation with 2-3 game start-ups, in which RCP will invest its own skills and labour in return for a partial ownership in the start-ups.

RCP and Cursor signed an agreement on 19th May 2015 to establish the joint venture. Cursor will have a minority share of 25% in RCP Finland, which will be received in return for labour.



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*Situated in Southeast Finland in the European Union near the border with Russia, the Kotka-Hamina region offers a variety of opportunities for successful business. **Kotka-Hamina Regional Development Company, Cursor Oy**, runs business advice services on behalf of the municipalities of Kotka, Hamina, Miehikkälä, Pyhtää and Virolahti. It also runs enterprise development projects in the region. Cursor assists entrepreneurs in South Kymenlaakso, and those setting up in the region, in establishing and developing their businesses. Cursor is owned by the region's municipalities (Kotka, Hamina, Pyhtää, Virolahti and Miehikkälä), together with local industry and financial institutions. Cursor has a staff of over 60 and annually the company serves over 1,700 customers in matters relating to business activity. [www.cursor.fi](http://www.cursor.fi), [www.kotkahamina.fi](http://www.kotkahamina.fi)*

**Playa Game Industry Hub**, coordinated by Cursor, is a joint marketing brand for game industry developers and stakeholders in Southeast Finland. The Hub markets the regional game industry cluster to new firms and partners. It also promotes the internationalisation of local game companies.  
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