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[Lighthouse Interactive Acquires Publishing Rights for Loco Mania PC Game](#)

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Dutch publisher Lighthouse Interactive announced it has acquired the pan-European rights for the PC game "Loco Mania" in a deal with Czech developer 7FX. The agreement will give Lighthouse Interactive publishing rights for all European territories, as well as Turkey and Australia/NZ. The game is scheduled to begin shipping across Europe by the end of February 2006. Erik Schreuder, Lighthouse CEO, said: "Loco Mania's gameplay hooked us from the moment we first playtested it. With its fast paced and challenging gameplay, it provides a refreshing twist to the genre." Schreuder added: "Whether you are passionate about trains or just want a game that challenges your wits and strategic thinking, you will definitely find something to love in Loco Mania". Loco Mania is a fast paced, action/strategy game that puts you in charge of managing an entire railway network. Players have to control switches, semaphores and train directions to get the trains through the system as quickly and efficiently as possible. Each level will put players through a multitude of tasks from getting trains to their destination on time to guiding trains with hazard laden cargo safely home. Successfully clearing the trains through the railway system improves the players score and unlocks maps to take the game through progressively challenging levels. Loco Mania will feature 12 maps each inspired by various European landscapes designed to provide a unique gameplay experience. Vladimir Sedivy, CEO 7FX added: "Thanks to our collaboration with Lighthouse Interactive, we are pleased to offer an innovative and original game to our loyal European following, which combines a virtual world requiring the skills of logic and strategy for excellent gameplay. During development, we have concentrated on playability and fun whilst keeping the gameplay challenging and interesting. We are confident that this game will be successful as we have every confidence in what we see as a professional and fruitful relationship with Lighthouse Interactive." Some game features:- Multiple game modes each with their own unique challenges.- All train models are based on real trains with 26 locos (steam-powered, electric and diesel) and 36 carriages. - Loco Mania contains over 12 different maps inspired by different European landscapes each with an increasing degree of difficulty.- Gameplay allows you to control switches, semaphores and directions of all trains.- A unique Inspection mode allows you to survey your tracks and the various landscapes from a 3D view point on top of your train.- Beautifully detailed 3D environments with effects such as; steam, chimney smoke, rotating wheels, real time lighting and shadows.- Simulation of weather effects and daylight, faint rain, snowing, streetlights, low-altitude clouds hovering above the landscape.- Realistic sounds for all in-game objects and addictive background music for each map.- Includes a beginner friendly tutorial to teach you the elementary controls and strategy. Since the number of Internet threats consisting of viruses, worms, trojans (to mention just a few) is growing day by day, Softpedia gives you the chance to vote for your favorite antivirus application. [Vote here for the antivirus which takes care of your security.](#)