

# Raekwon Gushes That 'The Wait Is Finally Over' For Only Built 4 Cuban Linx 2

(NEW YORK â€“ April 15, 2009) â€“ Ready to give his worldwide following what theyâ€™ve been waiting for, the Wu-Tang Clanâ€™s rhyme slinger extraordinaire Raekwon is set to return this summer with Only Built 4 Cuban Linx 2.

Raekwon, whose 1995 platinum classic Only Built 4 Cuban Linx was universally hailed as a rap classic and has sold more than 1.1 million units in the US, according to Nielsen Soundscan, has signed a distribution deal with EMI Label Services for his ICEH20 Records label to release Only Built 4 Cuban Linx 2 in the US and Canada later this summer. EMI Label Services will also provide Raekwon with additional radio promotion support and licensing and synchronization services.

â€œThe wait is finally over,â€ Raekwon says. â€œWords cannot describe how extremely happy I am to work with EMI Music to put out my album.â€

Only Built 4 Cuban Linx 2 buzz single and video â€œThe New Wuâ€ features fellow Wu-Tang Clan members Method Man and Ghostface Killah and is getting mixshow airplay at radio stations across the country, including Hot 97 in New York. The album features a spectacular line-up of guest appearances and producers: The RZA, Dr. Dre, J Dilla, The Wu-Tang Clan, Jadakiss, Busta Rhymes, Bun B and The Game, among others.

“We are thrilled to have a chance to work with the legendary Raekwon,â€ said Dominic Pandiscia, Senior Vice President and General Manager, EMI Label Services. â€œHe has had a massive impact on the history of Hip Hop and Urban music overall.

Everyone at EMI is excited to be working on this record and continuing his legacy.â€

Rap fans were mesmerized by Raekwonâ€™s distinctive brand of street slanguistics when he emerged as a member of the Wu-Tang Clan. The Staten Island, New York rap groupâ€™s debut album, 1993â€™s Enter The Wu-Tang Clan (36 Chambers), was a landmark collection that introduced the groupâ€™s signature blend of kung-fu inspired reality rap. Raekwon established himself as a solo star in 1995 with the release of Only Built 4 Cuban Linx. The mafia minded album, which peaked at No. 2 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Album chart, unfolded like a cinematic crime caper, with such imaginative songs as â€œCriminology,â€ â€œIncarcerated Scarfacesâ€ and â€œIce Creamâ€ propelling the album to platinum status.

Raekwonâ€™s second album, 1999â€™s Immobilarity, was certified gold. To date, Raekwon has career sales of more than 1.6 million units in the US, according to Nielsen Soundscan.

Now, with the impending release of Only Built 4 Cuban Linx 2, Raekwon is ready to release his second masterpiece. â€œItâ€™s been a long time coming,â€ he says, â€œand Iâ€™ve put my blood, sweat and tears into making this classic album for my fans.â€