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MGCB RELEASES JUNE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, June 12, 2012, the Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") will hold its Regular Public Meeting. The agenda includes the following items:

- A. Consider the Licensing Division Staff's Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications.
- B. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfers of Interest for:
 1. JCM American Corporation, d/b/a JCM Global, Board File No. SL000279-12-002
 2. Spielo International USA, LLC, Board File Nos. SL000284-12-003 thru SL000284-12-010
 3. TCS John Huxley America, Inc., Board File No. SL001026-12-003
- C. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Supplier License Application of:
 1. The Monahan Company, Board File No. SL006254-12-001
- D. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing Division's Staff Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of:
 1. American Gaming and Electronics, Inc., Board File No. SL001568-12-001
 2. Del Bene Produce, Inc., Board File No. SL000620-12-001
 3. Edward Don & Company, Board File No. SL000585-12-001
 4. JCM American Corporation d/b/a JCM Global, Board File No. SL000279-12-002

5. MacKellar Associates, Inc. d/b/a MacKellar Incentive Marketing, Board File No. SL000177-12-01
6. Northern Lakes Seafood & Meats, LLC, Board File No. SL002903-12-001
7. NRT Technology Corp, Board File No. SL001711-12-001
8. Vision Janitorial & Facility Supply Company, Inc., Board File No. SL002725-12-001
9. W.H. Canon, Inc., Board File No. SL004743-12-001
10. Women's Economic Empowerment Group, Inc., Board File No. SL000600-12-001

E. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing Division's Recommendation Regarding the Eligibility of Required Key Persons of Casino Licensee Greektown Casino, LLC

1. Donald E. Morgan, III
2. Neal P. Goldman
3. Douglas C. Pardon

F. Consider Board Acceptance of Acknowledgment of Violation of Supplier Licensee; The Mina Group, Board File No. SDA-2012-1

The MGCB meeting will take place at the Detroit Office Hearing Room, located at Cadillac Place, 3062 W. Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, Detroit, Michigan at 9:30 a.m. on June 12th.

FIREKEEPERS CASINO DETAILS OPPOSITION TO EXPANDED GAMING BALLOT PROPOSAL

On Thursday, June 7, 2012, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Pottawatomi Indians ("Tribe") held a public informational meeting to discuss the Tribe's opposition to a state ballot proposal that, if passed, would authorize operation of eight additional commercial casinos across the state.

The meeting, held in the Bingo Room of the FireKeepers Casino, was called by the Tribe to outline reasons why the Tribe is opposing the proposal for expanded gaming in Michigan. The ballot proposal has been drafted and organized by

the group Citizens for More Michigan Jobs. Citizens for More Michigan Jobs is proposing a state constitutional amendment that would authorize the establishment of eight new casino facilities, one each in Detroit, Clam Lake Township, DeWitt Township, Pontiac, Clinton Township, Birch Run Township, Grand Rapids, and Romulus. The location of each of these facilities is specified in the proposed amendment, listing the exact parcel of land where each new casino would be located. The proposed initiative would also alter the existing wagering tax structure and distribution process, raising the effective wagering tax rate for commercial casinos in the state, including the three existing casinos in Detroit, from 19% to 23%.

The Tribe is opposing the measure for several reasons. The Tribe claims that the proposal would allow individuals to operate casinos that have not yet been properly investigated to ensure compliance with Michigan gaming law and public policy. As such, the Tribe contends that the proposed language would circumvent the traditional licensing and review processes for these individuals and associated business entities. In addition, the Tribe has stated that the ballot proposal would prevent the public from voting on any future gaming expansion in the state.

In order for the initiative to be placed on the ballot, Citizens for More Michigan Jobs must collect and submit over 322,000 valid signatures by July 9, 2012.

GUN LAKE, SAGINAW CHIPPEWA MAKE LOCAL REVENUE SHARING PAYMENTS

On Monday, June 4, 2012, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribe of Potawatomi Indians ("Gun Lake") distributed its third revenue sharing payment to state and local governments since the opening of the Gun Lake Casino in February of 2011. Additionally, on May 23, 2012, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe announced its annual 2 percent distribution to local units of government and public schools.

Gun Lake has handed out more than \$8 million to

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its respective state and local governments this year. This brings Gun Lake's total monetary contributions to the state to over \$17.4 million since the casinos grand opening. Allotments of \$1.6 million and \$6.47 million were respectively distributed to local and state municipal school leaders at Baker Elementary School, in Wayland, on Monday. The \$8.07 million distributed is based on an electronic gaming revenues percentage set by the tribal-state compact. The total sum of \$8.07 million is up from Gun Lake's most recent payment of \$7.8 million from late last November.

According to Frank Cloutier, public relations director of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, \$2.19 million of the Tribes annual 2% distribution will be shared by local units of government and public schools in Isabella county and approximately \$646,000 will be spread amongst local units of government in Northern Bay and Arenac counties. While revenues have not increased since the tribe's distribution last fall, the number of requests for a share of the distribution is steadily increasing. The tribe received 523 total requests for distributions, with local units of government submitting 118 requests and local school boards submitting 405 requests.

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