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MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES AMENDED APRIL 25, 2017 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

On April 20, 2017, the Michigan Gaming Control Board released an amended regular public meeting agenda for April 25, 2017. Changes are highlighted below.

The regular public meeting will be held at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, in Detroit and begin at 9:30 a.m. with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the agenda items. The Cadillac Place is in Detroit's New Center Area near the John Lodge Freeway (M-10), between Second Avenue and Cass Avenue. The Fisher Building and the Albert Kahn Building are nearby landmarks.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following items:

- A. Consider the Casino Audit & Enforcement Division's Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications
- B. Consider Adoption of Board Resolution 2017-02 Regarding Vendor Exemptions and Waivers from Supplier Licensing
- C. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Applications of
 1. Alpha Video & Audio, Inc., Board File No. SL003370-17-001
 2. Creation Robco Inc. d/b/a Robco Gaming, Board File No. SL007035-17-001
 3. Galaxy Gaming, Inc., Board File No. SL007044-17-001
 4. Integration Partners Corporation, Board File No. SL006927

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D. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In

1. International Market Place, Inc. d/b/a Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Café, Board File No. SL000141-17-002

2. **Sachse Construction and Development Company L.L.C., Board File No. SL006640-17-002**

E. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of

1. Avanzado, LLC, Board File No. SL002977-17-001

2. BAC Greektown, LLC, Board File No. SL006106-17-001

3. Basement Beats, LLC, Board File No. SL005968-17-001

4. Cadillac Travel, Inc., Board File No. SL006365-17-001

5. Caniff Electric Supply Co., Inc., Board File No. SL002291-17-001

6. Conti Corporation, Board File No. SL000271-17-001

7. Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. d/b/a GPI USA, Board File No. SL000201-17-001

8. Gold Star Equipment, Inc. d/b/a Gold Star Products, Board File No. SL000146-17-001

9. Great Lakes Mechanical Corp., Board File No. SL000708-17-001

10. Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video, Board File No. SL005262-174-001

11. International Market Place, Inc. d/b/a Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Café, with new Key Person, MGAT Investments, Inc., Board File No. SL000141-

17-003

12. JCM American Corporation d/b/a JCM Global, Board File No. SL000279-17-001

13. Konami Gaming, Inc. with new Key Persons, Kazuya Kozuki, Osamu Nakano and Thomas Anthony Jingoli, Board File No. SL001249-17-001

14. MRP Supply, Inc., Board File No. SL005958-17-001

15. Voice Data Systems, LLC d/b/a VDS, Board File No. SL004343-17-001

16. WPDET Associates, LLC, Board File No. SL005110-17-001

F. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Person of Casino Licensee MGM Grand Detroit, LLC

1. Christopher John Kelley, Board File No. MGM-2017-02

G. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee IGT

1. Andrea Adolfo Boroli and Guido Giuseppe Corbetta, Board File No. SL000002-17-001

H. Consider the Casino Audit & Enforcement Division's Recommendation Regarding Acknowledgment of Violation of Casino Licensee Greektown Casino, LLC, **Board File No. CDA-2017-01**

I. Consider the Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Acknowledgment of Violation of Supplier Licensee Sachse Construction and Development Company, LLC, Board File No. SDA-2017-02

J. Consider the Executive Director's Report and the Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Greektown Casino LLC's Request for

Approval of Debt Transaction and Related Requests, Board File No. GTC-2017-001

K. Other Business

For more information regarding the MGCB, please visit its website at www.michigan.gov/mgcb.

NEOPOLLARD INTERACTIVE AND MICHIGAN LOTTERY ACHIEVE ICAP RECERTIFICATION

On April 17, 2017, NeoPollard Interactive LLC (“NPI”) announced that it has completed the Internet Responsible Gambling Compliance Assessment Program (“iCAP”) recertification by the National Council on Problem Gaming (“NCPG”).

In October 2015, NPI and the Michigan Lottery became the first U.S. vendor and lottery to achieve iCAP certification.

“We are very pleased that our iCAP certification has been renewed with the National Council on Problem Gambling,” said Doug Pollard, Co-Chief Executive Officer, NeoPollard Interactive. “Responsible gaming is a constant consideration for lotteries, particularly in the world of online gaming. Our iCAP recertification emphasizes NeoPollard Interactive’s commitment to responsible gaming practices that maximize lottery sales while also ensuring that players remain within their limits.”

To learn more about the National Council on Problem Gaming, click [here](#).

FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF THE FIRE HUB RESTAURANT AND FOOD PANTRY

On April 19, 2017, FireKeepers Casino Hotel marked the Grand Opening of its Fire Hub restaurant and Kendall Street Pantry. The opening ceremony included Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the

Potawatomi Tribal Council along with additional elected officials and Michigan business partners.

“The Fire Hub will help meet basic needs for people and is a great example of community revitalization and working together to help one another,” said Governor Snyder. “Strong, vibrant communities require teamwork and a shared commitment to a brighter future.”

The project, originally announced in May of 2016, is a multi-million dollar investment in the Battle Creek community in which 80 percent of profits will be pooled to benefit local charities in addition to a food pantry working in conjunction with the Food Bank of South Central Michigan, for those less fortunate. Another major element of the project is the development of nearby tribal lands to farm and grow vegetables, with a goal of delivering a free salad bar to students in area communities.

“The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (“NHBP”) is honored to lead this amazing community initiative,” stated NHBP Tribal Council Chairman, Jamie Stuck. “We can deliver the region’s best casino resort product while simultaneously improving the lives of local residents. Supporting the local community has always been a priority for us and today’s Grand Opening is the successful collaboration of the tribe’s community focus, Chef McFarlen’s vision and the dedicated efforts of the Food and Beverage team at FireKeepers Casino Hotel.”

The Fire Hub restaurant will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 6 am to 6 pm, in Battle Creek, and will offer a variety of menu items such as freshly made bread and muffins, breakfast items, soups, salads, hot and cold sandwiches, pizzas and desserts.

CASINO INDUSTRY IS ESSENTIAL TO SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH, AGA SAYS

On April 20, 2017, the American Gaming

Association (“AGA”) released a new research study titled, [The Gaming Industry’s Impact on Small Business Development in the United States](#), which states that the casino gaming industry is driving small business growth across the country.

According to the study:

- Casinos are responsible for \$52 billion in annual small business revenues across real estate, finance, health care, STEM, manufacturing, information technology and other industries;
- Casinos support roughly 350,000 small business jobs;
- Casinos support \$13 billion in small business employee wages;
- More than half of casino industry-supported jobs are at non-gaming business such as local restaurants and shops that see an increase in traffic from a casino property; and
- Researchers concluded that gaming’s widespread impact is felt in markets across the country, but has outsized impact in small to mid-sized communities where local businesses work to integrate into gaming operations.

“Gaming is a small business driver and champion,” said Geoff Freeman, President and CEO of AGA. “This new report makes clear that the industry is a critical force behind good paying American jobs from coast to coast.”

The report was commissioned by the AGA and conducted by Spectrum Gaming Group which examined nearly a dozen gaming markets in the United States and assessed casino gaming’s impact, both direct and indirect, on local small businesses.