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DETROIT CASINO LABOR CONTRACTS UPDATE

On Wednesday, November 2, 2011, the MGM Grand Detroit Casino and the Detroit Casino Council reached a tentative four-year agreement regarding union contracts for casino employees. Labor agreements between MotorCity Casino Hotel and Greektown Casino-Hotel were finalized early last week.

MGM Grand employees rejected an initial labor agreement last week, leading to a mediation session this week to finalize a new deal. Details of the renegotiated proposal were released to workers on Wednesday, but have yet to be made available to the public. A vote by the membership on ratification is expected to occur in the coming days.

Last Tuesday, October 25, 2011, MotorCity Casino Hotel workers ratified a new four-year contract, following ratification by the Greektown Casino-Hotel on Monday. Details of the agreements were also not released.

The Detroit Casino Council is a coalition of five unions including: Teamsters Local 372, UNITE-HERE Local 24, UAW Local 7777, Operating Engineers Local 547 and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters. The Council represents roughly 6,000 union casino workers in Detroit as they faced intense negotiations last week. Workers at all five unions had authorized a strike if negotiations failed, but agreements were reached with MotorCity and Greektown and were formally ratified earlier this week.

Veronica Sawyer, Teamsters International Representative and chief spokeswoman for the Local 372 bargaining committee, stated in a press release on Monday, "I'm proud of our bargaining team and the Teamsters working at Greektown Casino who gave us the leverage we needed to bargain a fair and equitable contract in very difficult times. Tonight's vote count is a victory for casino workers at Greektown."

Detroit has the country's fifth largest casino gaming market. The three Detroit casinos together employed 8,067 individuals and paid a total of \$418.61 million, including tips and benefits, to its employees in 2010.

CANADIAN SPORTS WAGERING LAW ADVANCES IN PARLIAMENT

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011, a bill that would allow wagering on single sports events passed a second reading in the House of Commons in the Canadian Parliament. The bill, number C-290, is a private members bill introduced by Windsor-Tecumseh MP Joe Comartin, who has noted that there has been little opposition to the proposed legislation.

The language of the bill would act to amend the Canadian Criminal Code by removing the prohibition on single-game sports wagering. Under current law, persons can only bet on sports using the government-run *Sports Select*, which restricts wagering to parlay bets on at least two separate sporting events.

In the United States, single-game sports wagering is only offered in the state of Nevada. Only three other states are authorized to offer any form of sports wagering under the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act ("PASPA"), federal legislation that has recently withstood legal challenges from the state of New Jersey. Those additional states federally authorized to conduct a form of sports wagering are Montana, Delaware, and Oregon, which had existing forms of sports wagering programs at the time PASPA was enacted that were grandfathered under the act.

Mr. Comartin has been working with the Canadian Gaming Association and industry unions since early 2010 to develop legislation to amend the Criminal Code. In an interview with Canadian media outlets, Comartin states that the bill is "a job creator," and will allow the government to more effectively combat illegal sports wagering by making it a strictly regulated and policed activity.

OHIO VENDOR LICENSING UPDATE

On October 1, 2011, the Ohio Casino Control Commission ("Commission") began accepting license applications for Gaming Related Vendors and Key Employees. The Commission has also made its application forms for these applicants available on its website.

In an effort to increase efficiency, the Commission requires that all applicants submit the forms and fees electronically. Interested applicants are directed to request the appropriate forms and submission access information through the Commission's website. The Commission has established an initial \$10,000 application fee in connection with applying for a Gaming Related Vendor license. Those individuals qualifying as a Key Employee under Ohio law or Commission rules must also complete the Key Employee application and submit fingerprint cards per the Commission's fingerprinting process.

Currently, the Commission only requires licensure of individuals or companies that supply gaming-related goods or services, such as cards, dice, slot machines, and other gaming equipment. However, the Commission has yet to publish final rules regarding supplier licensing, so it is unclear whether non-gaming suppliers will be required to be licensed or otherwise certified through the Commission.

For more information regarding the application forms and submission process, please visit the Commission's website at: <http://casinocontrol.ohio.gov/Home.aspx>

GREEKTOWN CASINO-HOTEL DONATES BOOKS TO DETROIT SCHOOL CHILDREN

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011, Greektown Casino-Hotel announced that it has donated more than 3,000 books to the Marcus Garvey Academy and Rose-Hill Academy.

The books were collected through the casino's *Turning the Page on Illiteracy* book drive and distributed equally between the two schools. The books were donated by casino guests, employees

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and local businesses.

“Thanks to the generous donations by our employees, guests and friends, we are excited to be able to have an impact on local children through *Turning the Page on Illiteracy*, said Lloryn Love, Communications Manager, Greektown Casino-Hotel. “We are committed to our community and look forward to our many upcoming programs designed to help fellow Detroiters in need.”

Greektown plans to implement many other programs under the Turning the Page on Illiteracy program, including mentorship and school adoption efforts. For more information, please visit <http://www.greektownreading.com/>.

NEW ENGLAND GAMING SUMMIT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 14-15

The second annual New England Gaming Summit (“Summit”) will be held at MGM Grand at Foxwoods from November 14-15 in Mashantucket, Connecticut and feature a host of speakers from throughout the casino gaming industry. The event will focus on the regulatory, operational and competitive outlook for the gaming industry of New England.

Keynote Presenters include Mitchell G. Etes, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mohegan Sun and Chief Executive Officer of Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority as well as Scott C. Butera, President and Chief Executive Officer of Foxwoods Resort Casino.

The Summit will feature more than 25 expert speakers, including tribal executives, policymakers, legislators, civic groups, analysts, architects and attorneys concerned with the pending gaming expansion initiatives throughout New England. Sessions include: racing and Gaming in New England; Tribal Gaming in New England; The View from Wall Street; Casino Design and Construction Trends; and Public Policy Decisions.

For questions regarding sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities, contact Lesley Grashow at grashowl@bnpmedia.com. For more

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