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MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES JANUARY 12, 2016 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) will hold its regular public meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, in Detroit.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following items:

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Board’s November 10, 2015 Regular Public Meeting
- III. Executive Director’s Report
- IV. Business:

Consider the Licensing & Investigations Division’s Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications

Consider the Executive Director’s Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division’s Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Applications of :

Caniff Electric Supply Co., Inc., Board File No. SL002291-16-001
Gasser Chair Co., Inc., Board File No. SL000306-16-001
MRP Supply, Inc., Board File No. SL005958-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of:

Allied-Eagle Supply Company, LLC d/b/a Allied Office Specialists, Board File No. SL003802-16-001
American Gaming & Electronics, Inc. with new Key Persons Renee Marie Zimmerman and Michael Robert Levin, Board File No. SL001568-16-001
Arrow Motor & Pump, Inc., Board File No. SL001683-16-001
China Town Market, Inc. d/b/a Dai Lai Grocery, Board File No. SL004922-16-001
Data Financial, Incorporated, Board File No. SL005853-16-001
General Linen Supply Company d/b/a General Linen and Uniform Service, Board File No. SL000917-16-001
Guideline Mechanical, Inc., Board File No. SL000186-16-001
Motor City Electric Co., Board File No. SL000088-16-001
NRT Technology Corp., Board File No. SL001711-16-001
Perfect Cleaners of Detroit, Inc., Board File No. SL001729-16-001
PCT Security, LLC, Board File No. SL006028-16-001
RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc., Board File No. SL000362-16-001
Wing Construction Inc., Board File No. SL000798-16-001
Wolverine Mailing, Packaging, Warehouse, Inc. d/b/a Wolverine Solutions Group, with new Key Person Darryl Patrick English, Board File No. SL00565-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Person of Supplier Licensee Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

Maureen Ann Sweeny, Board File No. SL000038-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee Bally Gaming, Inc. d/b/a Bally Technologies

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald and Derik Jon Mooberry, Board File No. SL000003-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee JCM American Corporation d/b/a JCM Global

Yashuhiko Yoshimure, Tsuyoshi Takagaki, Koji Yoshikawa, and Brian Andrew Smith, Board File No. SL000038-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee The United States Playing Card Company

Peter Adam Hochfelder, Board File No. SL000288-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In Data Strategy, LLC, Board File No. SL006293-16-001

Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Acknowledgment of Violation of Supplier Licensee Aristocrat Technologies, Inc., Board File No. SDA-2015-06

Other Business

V. Public Comment

VI. Announce the Board's Next Scheduled Public Meeting

VII. Consider Motion to Go into Closed Session Immediately Following this Portion of

Today's Public Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with the Board's Attorney about Trial or Settlement Strategy in Pending Litigation, to Consider Legal Memorandums of Advice Exempt From Disclosure by State or Federal Law, Discuss Background Investigations, and Receive Confidential Notification of Persons Placed on the Board's Disassociated Persons List since the Board's Regular Public Meeting held on November 10, 2015.

- VIII. Resume Open Meeting
- IX. Motion to Approve Closed Session Minutes from the November 10, 2015 Meeting
- X. Motion and Vote to Adjourn

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the agenda items. The meeting will take place in the Cadillac Place 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.

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

TRIBE BREAKS GROUND ON MACKINAW CASINO

The week of January 4, 2016, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians ("Tribe") began construction on its casino facility near Mackinaw City.

The facility will be a Class II casino which, under federal law, may offer bingo, pull-tabs, and similar games. However, the casino will not have house-banked card games or slot machines.

The Tribe has made several attempts to open a gaming facility on its land near Mackinaw City. The most recent attempt was an October request made to the Mackinaw City Village Council for their approval of a casino with 64 slot machines which was denied by a 4-3 vote. Prior to this, the

Tribe had sought and been denied local approvals twice since 2003.

Local approvals are necessary for a Tribe to construct a Class III, casino-style gaming facility, however, the current Class II facility does not require such approvals under federal law.

GUN LAKE ANNOUNCES CASINO EXPANSION

On Thursday, January 7, 2016, the Gun Lake Tribal Gaming Authority Board ("Board") announced that a planned expansion of its casino facility has begun. The expansion, which will include additional gaming floor space and increased non-gaming amenities, is currently in the excavation and site preparation stages.

"We are thrilled to announce the addition of more gaming, entertainment and dining options here at Gun Lake Casino. Guest experience is our number one priority, which is why our expansion will focus on our core entertainment offerings. We also devoted resources to making great career opportunities even better for our team members," said Ed Pigeon, Vice Chairman of the Board, in a press release.

The expansion will include increased floor space in the gaming area, a new 300-seat multi-station buffet, expansion of the casino's Stage 131 lounge and entertainment area, and an expansion of the employee dining room and lounge. The project is tentatively scheduled to open in Summer 2017.

The Gun Lake Casino has grown through expansion projects since its initial opening in February 2011, including the expansion of parking and valet areas, and currently features multiple dining outlets, a live music venue, and over 1,600 gaming machines and 33 table games.

AGA ANNOUNCES TRIBAL UPDATES TO RESOURCES, NEW WEBSITE

On December 15, 2015, the American Gaming Association ("AGA") announced that it has begun including tribal data within its [By the Book](#) gaming information resource. The addition is the first time

that the AGA has included information from tribal gaming companies within its resources.

By the Book is the AGA's online tool to assist the industry in comparing regulatory overview statistics from a number of US gaming jurisdictions. The resource was launched last year and includes overviews of the basic regulatory considerations in 24 commercial casino jurisdictions, as well as Class III tribal gaming jurisdictions with the most recent update.

"AGA is playing a crucial role in highlighting the complex regulatory landscape the casino gaming industry and regulators often navigate, and the addition of Tribal gaming information to *By the Book* makes it an invaluable resource for a wide range of stakeholders," stated AGA President and CEO Geoff Freeman in a press release on the matter.

The resource adds to the collection of existing information databases available for industry members, such as [Casino City's Gaming Regulation](#) website which provides news, vendor licensing, regulatory agency and advisors contacts, and responses to frequently asked questions.

In addition to the update *By the Book* site, the AGA also announced that it has redesigned its website. The site, available [here](#), has been altered to more prominently feature its event calendar, information on membership, research and advocacy efforts, and current news updates. In addition to the current changes, the AGA anticipates adding sections for its membership and related to state-level advocacy work.

POKAGON BAND ANNOUNCES CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO US TREASURY COMMITTEE

On December 28, 2015, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians ("Tribe") announced that a Pokagon citizen, Eugene Magnuson, had been appointed to the US Dept. of Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee ("Committee"). The appointment was made by Michigan Representative Sander Levin (D-MI), the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee.

The Committee is charged with advising the US Treasury Secretary on issues related to tribal taxation and establishing training and education programs for IRS employees working in with tribal governments. It is made up of seven members and regulatory released guidance related to tribal accounting issues and other financial matters.

Mr. Magnuson is currently the Treasurer of the Tribe and has served as Chairman of the Tribe's Mno-Bmadsen Economic Development Board since 2009. Prior to this, he held positions with a variety of industries, including food service, health care, retail, and gaming.

"Mr. Magnuson has been a leader on economic and tax issues in Indian Country for years, and he is uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee," stated Rep. Levin in a press release. "Given his extensive knowledge and experience in business development and working with Tribal governments, Mr. Magnuson will provide valuable firsthand insight to the Treasury Secretary as the agency strengthens its work with Tribes."

FIREKEEPERS ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

On Monday, January 4, 2016, Firekeepers Casino Hotel announced that Brian Decorah has been hired as the property's new president. The hiring follows the retirement of current president R. Bruce McKee, who originally announced his 2015 year-end retirement plans in June.

Mr. Decorah was named CEO of Firekeepers in June in conjunction with Mr. McKee's retirement announcement. He previously held the position of Senior Vice President and Assistant General Manager of the property. Prior to his work with Firekeepers, Mr. Decorah was the General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort in Bowler, Wisconsin, as well as General Manager of two other gaming properties managed by the Ho-Chunk Nation. He holds a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Wisconsin.

In a press release on the matter, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians Chairman Homer A. Mandoka stated that “Brian Decorah brings passion and enthusiasm to the Firekeepers Team. He has a keen-eye for an optimal guest experience and expects to treat others, as they would treat him. He is skilled at earning respect from team members and I am confident he will lead us with vision and a dedication to successful operating results.”