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MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES DETROIT CASINO REVENUES FOR JULY 2007

On Tuesday, the Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) released the July 2007, total adjusted revenue figures for the three Detroit casinos – MGM Grand Detroit Casino, MotorCity Casino and Greektown Casino.

Month in 2007	Total Adjusted Revenue 2007		
	MGM Grand Detroit	MotorCity Casino	Greektown Casino
January	\$40,503,320.38	\$40,452,401.96	\$28,439,733.74
February	\$36,771,280.82	\$39,208,228.16	\$28,998,669.02
March	\$47,402,120.22	\$42,894,972.21	\$33,427,503.33
April	\$41,040,958.48	\$39,345,925.30	\$30,060,692.80
May	\$41,417,910.37	\$36,787,442.36	\$27,394,026.36
June	\$38,562,158.58	\$42,333,206.56	\$28,490,060.73
July	\$41,334,381.05	\$42,676,452.96	\$29,281,394.59
Total	\$287,032,129.90	\$283,698,629.51	\$206,092,080.57

The figures released by the MGCB are the gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers. The figures do not include: 1) the 12.1% state share of the wagering tax; 2) the 11.9% City of Detroit portion of the wagering tax; 3) any fees or other relevant city, state or federal taxes; 4) wages and benefits paid to casino employees; and 5) payments to suppliers, service providers or vendors.

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The three Detroit casinos' total adjusted gross receipts for July 2007 were \$113,292,228.60. Of this amount, the three Detroit casinos collectively paid to the state of Michigan \$13,708,359.66 and the city of Detroit \$13,481,775.20. The July 2007 revenues for the Detroit market represent a 2.9% increase over a year ago.

MAGNA ENTERTAINMENT ABANDONS PLANS FOR ROMULUS RACE TRACK

Last week, Magna Entertainment Corp. announced that it has relinquished its thoroughbred race track license for Michigan Downs, a proposed \$100 million racetrack complex near Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, Michigan. Ontario, Canada-based Magna Entertainment had been granted its thoroughbred racetrack license by Michigan's Office of Racing Commissioner in 2005.

Magna Entertainment's announcement was made as part of the company's release of second quarter financial statements, which showed that the race track operator lost \$23.4 million in the second quarter. Frank Stronach, Chairman of Magna Entertainment Corp., explained the decision through a statement released on August 9th:

We are extremely disappointed with the second quarter results. We recognize that immediate and drastic action is required and we have commissioned a strategic review of the company. Also, we will cease racing operations at our Austrian racetrack Magna Racino at the end of its 2007 meet, have relinquished our racing license for Michigan Downs and have terminated our racetrack development project in Dixon, California.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano noted his disappointment in Magna Entertainment's decision, but expressed optimism that some other alternative operator might emerge. "We still believe that Wayne County is a great location for a project such as this, and other parties are interested", Ficano said. The Racing Commissioner for the State of Michigan, Christine White, stated the following: "It is an unfortunate situation, especially as we are in the midst of receiving race date applications for next year. However, we remain hopeful that thoroughbred racing will continue in Michigan."

MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD HONORS BOARD SECRETARY PATTY JAMES

At the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) meeting on August 14, 2007, the MGCB took time to honor retired Board Secretary Patty James, who completed her 10-year career with the MGCB on July 13, 2007. In honor of Ms. James, the Board formally read and adopted Resolution 2007-02, commending Ms. James for service to the MGCB, including establishing the Board's Executive Office in East Lansing, Michigan. After passing Resolution 2007-02, each Board member, and various members of Board staff and the attorney general's office, took time to publicly thank Ms. James for her work.

Patty James has served as the Board Secretary since being hired to that position by the MGCB's first Executive Director, Nelson Westrin, in 1997. During that time, Ms. James did not miss a regularly scheduled meeting of the Michigan Gaming Control Board. *The Michigan Gaming Newsletter* would also like to congratulate Ms. James on the completion of her career and thank her for the professionalism with which she did her job.