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NEW JERSEY PETITIONS SUPREME COURT FOR REVIEW OF SPORTS WAGERING CASE

On Friday, February 14, 2014, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and other interested parties petitioned the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari. If granted, the Supreme Court would review the decision of the United States Appeals Court for the Third Circuit regarding whether a federal prohibition on sports wagering in most states is valid.

The petition is in regards to the Third Circuit's November 15, 2013 denial of a petition for rehearing filed by Governor Christie, et al., regarding the State of New Jersey's plan to implement sports wagering at the Atlantic City Casinos and the state's horse race tracks. The petitioners sought rehearing of the September 17, 2013 decision of a three-judge panel of the Third Circuit, which affirmed an earlier decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey issuing a permanent injunction prohibiting New Jersey from implementing its proposed sports wagering scheme. The Third Circuit's prior decision to uphold the ban on the expansion of sports wagering to New Jersey effectively found that the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act ("PASPA")—the federal law currently prohibiting the expansion of sports wagering outside of the licensed Nevada sports books and certain limited lottery games and sports pools previously authorized in Oregon, Delaware, and Montana—was constitutional.

Should the Supreme Court decline to grant the writ of certiorari, the lower courts decision would stand, and the law would continue to be enforced as it is currently interpreted. A response to Governor Christie's petition is due back from the Supreme Court by March 17, 2014.

MGCB RELEASES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, the Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) will hold its Regular Public Meeting.

The agenda includes the following items:

A. Consider the Licensing and Regulation Divisions Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications

B. Consider the Executive Director Report and Licensing & Regulation Division Staff’s Recommendation Regarding the Pending Supplier License Application of

1. BlueGranite, Inc., Board file No. SL006563-14-001

C. Consider the Executive Director’s Reports and Licensing & regulation Division Staff’s Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of

1. Assemblers (III), LLC, Board File No. SL006483-14-001
2. BAC Greektown, LLC, Board File No. SL006106-14-001
3. Davis Iron Works, Inc., Board File No. SL005189-14-001
4. Dillon Energy Services, Inc. d/b/a Dillon Energy Services, Board File No. SL006242-14-001
5. E.GADS, LLC, Board File No. SL000961-14-001
6. J.J.S.V. Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a PizzaPapalis Taverna, Board File No. SL001287-14-001
7. KLP Specialty Food, Inc., d/b/a Empire Packing Company, Board File No. SL005674-14-001

8. LaBelle Electric Services, Inc., Board File No. SL000145-14-001
9. Premier Services Group, LLC, Board File No. SL000833-14-001
10. SMS Staffing Solutions, Inc., Board File No. SL005876-14-001
11. Socios Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Mark’s Quality Meats, Inc. & Culinary Specialties, Inc., Board File No. SL005803-14-001
12. Tepel Brothers Printing, Inc., Board File No. SL001147-14-001
13. The Right Productions, Inc. Board File No. SL001310-14-001
14. Thermal-Netics, Inc., Board File No. SL004555-14-001

D. Consider the Executive Director’s Report and Licensing & Regulations Division Staff’s Recommendation Regarding the Potential Supplier License Denial of

1. Traffic Agency (Michigan) LLC, Board File No. SL006430-14-001

E. Consider the Executive Director’s Report and Licensing & Regulation Division Staff’s Recommendation Regarding the Suitability of New Key Person of Supplier Licensee, WMS Gaming, Inc.

1. Paul Gregory Savas, Board File No. SL000037-14-001

F. Consider the Executive Director’s Report and Licensing & Regulation Division Staff’s Recommendation Regarding the Suitability of New Key Persons of Casino Licensee, Greektown Casino, LLC d/b/a Greektown Casino

1. Nathan Maurice Forbes and Brian Hall Eby, Board File No. GTC-2014-001

G. Consider the Licensing & Regulation Division Staff's Recommendations Regarding the Transfers of Interest in

1. Premier Services Group, LLC, Board File No. SL000833-14-002
2. Premier Services Group, LLC, Board File No. SL000833-14-003

H. Consider the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision Regarding the Occupational License of

1. Dolonda Joy Wright

I. Consider Board Acceptance of Acknowledgments of Violation of Casino Licensee

1. Detroit Entertainment, LLC d/b/a MotorCity Casino Board File No. CDA-2013-02 & CDA-2013-04

J. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Regulation Division's Recommendations Regarding Greektown Casino LLC's requests for Approval of Debt Transaction and Related Requests, Board File No. GTC-2014-002

K. Other Business

The MGCB meeting will take place at the Detroit Office Hearing Room, Cadillac Place, 3062 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan at 9:30am.

POKAGON BAND ANNOUNCES 2013 ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

On February 18, 2014, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians ("Tribe") announced that it had made approximately \$44 Million in contributions to the local economy in 2013. These contributions are in addition to the annual payments made directly to the State of Michigan pursuant to the Tribe's Gaming Compact with the State.

The contributions come in the form of contracts between the Tribe's multiple Four Winds casinos across the state and local vendors, local revenue sharing payments, and various charitable contributions. The distributions also include those made by The Pokagon Fund, a charitable organization supported by revenue from the Four Winds Casino Resort, which made \$4.9 Million in grants to initiatives in the New Buffalo region last year.

"These contributions are a direct result of our continued economic development and desire to support Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana, a region we have called home for hundreds of years," stated John Warren, Chairman of the Tribe in a press release on the matter. "Not only do these contributions help improve the overall business climate, they also have a direct impact on the individuals and families that rely on these businesses for their livelihoods."

The Tribe operates the Four Winds casinos, located in New Buffalo, Hartford, and Dowagiac, Michigan. It's service area includes ten counties across Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana with its main administrative offices in South Bend, Indiana.

SOUTHERN GAMING SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6-8, 2014 IN BILOXI

The Southern Gaming Summit will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi on May 6-8, 2014. The event will be held jointly with BingoWorld, the world's largest bingo conference and trade show, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

The summit will consist of conferences, networking, and exhibit space featuring information and products related to all facets of the gaming industry. The event will begin with the Southern Gaming Summit/BingoWorld Golf Tournament on May 6, 2014 for exhibitors. Conference events begin on Wednesday and include discussions, presentations, and workshops on current issues facing the gaming industry. Featured speakers include Tilman Fertitta, CEO

and Owner of Landry's, Inc. and Geoff Freeman, President and CEO of the American Gaming Association. Other events include the Global Gaming Women Luncheon, an Executive Roundtable, and numerous networking opportunities for attendees.

Gaming and hospitality industry executives, regulators, legislators, and consultants are likely to express interest in the event. For more information on the event, as well as registration information, please visit: <http://www.sgsummit.com/>.

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