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FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL PARTNERS WITH SCIENTIFIC GAMES TO OFFER SPORTS BETTING AND IGAMING

FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan, has chosen Scientific Games Corporation to provide sports betting and iGaming to players both at a retail sports betting location at FireKeepers Casino as well as online.

"We're incredibly excited to launch with FireKeepers Casino," said Jordan Levin, Group Chief Executive for SG Digital. "They're a leader in the Michigan gaming space, and their large core group of satisfied gamers already have a top-notch land-based gaming and entertainment experience. With the passing of this new bill, Scientific Games is excited and honored to help FireKeepers Casino translate and expand the sports and iGaming player experiences across all of Michigan."

FireKeepers will benefit from OpenSports, a sportsbook solution that allows operators to choose technologies and services that will best benefit their business. In Michigan, this will include end-to-end retail sports betting solutions and a comprehensive data feed from Don Best Sports, Scientific Games' leading managed trading service. FireKeepers will also use OpenGaming, Scientific Games' content aggregation platform. After approval from state and tribal regulators, Scientific Games' portfolio of U.S.-available slot games will launch online for access across the state.

"We are proud of our existing partnerships to put FireKeepers at the forefront of Michigan's betting landscape," said Kathy George, Chief Executive Officer at FireKeepers Casino. "In partnership with Scientific Games, we're thrilled to offer sports betting and iGaming both online and in our upscale property."

Jamie Stuck, Tribal Council Chairperson for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, said, "We attract guests from across Michigan to large sections of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and our presentation of sports wagering,

both on property and our online casino will reflect all that FireKeepers is about. 2020 is already an exciting year and every week we are closer to our targeted December grand opening of our second hotel tower.”

EUGENE MAGNUSON NAMED CEO OF LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS

Eugene Magnuson began his new position as Chief Executive Officer of Little River Holdings, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ economic development corporation, on January 1, 2020. Magnuson previously served as tribal treasurer and as chairman of the Mno-Bmadsen Economic Development Board for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Prior to his work with the Pokagon Tribe, Magnuson gained business experience in grocery stores, hospitals, retail, food service, and gaming.

Magnuson was appointed to the U.S. Department of Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), which advises the Secretary of the Treasury on tribal taxation issues and establishes education programs for Internal Revenue Service agents who work with tribal governments.

“I was glad to hear that the Economic Development Council selected Eugene to serve,” said Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. “Having known Eugene for 30 years and his parents even longer. I was proud to also support him several years ago in his work in Washington, D.C. I know he will be a great asset to the EDC and to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.”

HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY APPROVES \$30 MILLION EXPANSION OF ISLAND RESORT AND CASINO

The Hannahville Indian Community Tribal Council approved a \$30 million expansion of the Island Resort and Casino in Harris, Michigan. The expansion will be connected to the existing 11-

story Palm Tower and will include over 100 hotel rooms. In addition, the expansion will include a high end restaurant, a convention space, and a pool with water park features.

After taking bids for the project, Island Resort management chose Wisconsin firm Quintus 3D to lead the architectural and engineering aspects, and Iron Mountain firm Gundlach Champion to oversee construction. Quintus 3D designed Island Resort’s Drift Spa, hotel lobby, and retail space, while Gundlach Champion built the Island’s Sun Tower, 1998 casino expansion, water plant, and several other Hannahville Indian Community projects. Bidding will continue through the spring, with construction scheduled to begin in June and expected completion in 2021.

Currently, Island Resort has over 300 guest rooms, an RV park, and a casino with over 400,000 square feet of slots and table games. In addition, the Resort’s Drift Spa has access to a saltwater pool, steam rooms, and a sauna. The resort has several dining options available with a wide range of offerings, a 1,315 seat showroom, weekly entertainment, and golf courses.

MGCB PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

The Michigan Gaming Control Board will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the regular agenda items.

January’s meeting will consider recommendations for occupational licenses, supplier application and renewal requests, transfers of interest, violations of occupational licensees, and proposals for decision of occupational licensees. You can view the full agenda for the January meeting by clicking [here](#).

The meeting is open to the public, and questions, comments, and suggestions from the public

regarding MGCB business, licensing regulation, and conduct of casino gaming in Detroit are welcomed and encouraged during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The meeting will be located at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Detroit Office Hearing Room. The Cadillac Place is in Detroit's New Center Area near the John Lodge Freeway (M-10), between Second and Cass Avenues. The Fisher Building and the Albert Kahn Building are nearby landmarks.