#### November 6, 2015

#### Volume 21, Issue 36

For more information on Michigan's gaming industry, please visit www.michigangaming.com

Editor in Chief **David D. Waddell, Esq.** Phone: 517.507.3859 waddell@rmclegal.com

Senior Gaming Analyst & Editor Robert R. Russell, II Phone: 517.507.3858 russell@rmclegal.com

Reporter and Associate Editor **Dustin M. Ford** Phone: 517.999.5414 dford@rmclegal.com

#### Reporter

Blaine R. DeGracia Phone: 517.507.3857 degracia@rmclegal.com

Subscription information: info@michigangaming.com

A publication of **RMC Ventures, LLC** 

Asher Court 321 W. Lake Lansing Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: 517.507.3860 Fax: 517.908.0235 www.rmclegal.com

# The MICHIGAN GAMING



# MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES NOVEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

he Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") will hold its regular public meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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:

- A. Consider the Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications
- B. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Applications of
  - 1. Atlas Wholesale Food Company, Board File No. SL000812-15-001
  - 2. Conti-Corporation, Board File No. SL000271-15-001
  - 3. Ecker Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Board File No. SL006168-15 -001
- C. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of
- 1. Assemblers (III), LLC, Board File No. SL006483-15-002
- 2. Brainstorm Logistics, LLC, Board File No. SL003101-15-001
- Colasanti Construction Services, Inc., Board File No. SL006435-15-002
- 4. Data Strategy, LLC with new qualifiers Mark Alan Graham and Dana

A. Jacks Trust, Board File No. SL006293-15-002

- Dillon Energy Services, Inc., Board File No. SL006242-15-002
- 6. Gemellaro Systems Integration, Inc., Board File No. SL004418-15-001
- 7. Great Lakes Mechanical Corp., Board File No. SL000708-15-001
- 8. Happ Controls, Inc., Board File No. SL000543-15-001
- 9. Heldon Shoe Company d/b/a Red Wing Shoes, Board File No. SL000745-15-002
- 10. Hercules & Hercules, Inc., Board File No. SL000222-15-001
- 11. International Market Place, Inc. d/b/a Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Café, Board File No. SL000141-15-001
- 12. KBD, Inc., Board File No. SL004566-15-001
- KLP Specialty Food, Inc. d/b/a Empire Packing Company, Board File No. SL005674-15-002
- 14. Master Craft Carpet Service, Inc. d/b/a Master Craft Floors, Board File No. SL004494-15-002
- 15. Socios Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Mark's Quality Meats, Inc. d/b/a Culinary Specialties, Inc., Board File No. SL005803-15-002
- 16. The Boelter Companies, Inc., Board File No. SL006550-15-001
- 17. Tre Builders, LLC, Board File No. SL003423-15-003
- D. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Person of Casino Licensee Greektown Casino, LLC d/b/a Greektown Casino
  - 1. Briceson Lee Kahler, Board File No. GTC-2015-005
- E. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee Halifax Security Inc. d/b/a North American Video
  - 1. NAV-LJP and Laurie Ellen Smock, Board File No. SL005262-15-002

- F. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Person of Casino Licensee MGM Grand Detroit, LLC d/b/a MGM Grand Detroit Casino
  - 1. Mark Barrett Lefever, Board File No. MGM -2015-002
- G. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Request for Withdrawal of Supplier Licensee
  - 1. Structural Group, Inc., Board File No. SL002112-15-001
- H. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In
  - Bally Gaming, Inc. d/b/a/ Bally Technologies, Board File No. SL000003-15 -002
- I. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In
- 1. Data Strategy, LLC, Board File No. SL006293-15-001
- J. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In
  - 1. Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video, Board File No. SL000003-15-002
- K. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Transfer of Interest In
  - Interblock, Luxury Gaming Products D.d. d/ b/a Interblock D.d., Board File No. SL 005262-15-003

- L. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Acknowledgment of Violations of Casino Licensee
  - 1. Greektown Casino, LLC, Board File No. CDA-2015-3

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 its website at: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb">www.michigan.gov/mgcb</a>

### EXEC. DIRECTOR GRANTS LIVE RACING DATES TO HAZEL PARK RACEWAY, NORTHVILLE DOWNS

On Friday, October 30, 2015, the Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") granted live racing dates to Hazel Park Raceway and Northville Downs. In addition to live racing dates, both locations were awarded a simulcast permit that authorizes the tracks to simulcast races throughout the year. The awards came after a public hearing and comment on each track's application.

Hazel Park Raceway has been awarded thirty days of live Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed race dates for next year. Live racing will be held on Fridays and Saturdays between Friday, May 27 and Saturday, September 3, with at least nine live races per race date.

Northville Downs has been awarded sixty days of live Standardbred horse racing during 2016. The races will be held on Fridays and Saturdays between Friday, March 18 and Saturday, October 8. Each racing day will include at least nine live races.

In addition, Northville Downs was denied its request to run Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed races in 2016. The Executive Director's Order states that the request was denied as Northville Downs "and the Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Mixed Breed Protective Association have terminated their agreement to race Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed Horses at Northville Downs." Under state law, tracks must have an agreement with a certified horsemen's association in charge of the specific type of racing in order to conduct that type of racing.

For more information on the Executive Director's Orders, including copies of both Orders, please visit the MGCB website at: <u>http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb/</u>

#### NEOPOLARD AND MICHIGAN LOTTERY ACHIEVE ICAP CERTIFICATION

On November 5, 2015 NeoPollard Interactive LLC ("NeoPollard") announced that it has completed the Internet Responsible Gambling Compliance Assessment Program ("iCAP") and been fully certified by the National Council on Problem Gambling ("NCPG"). NeoPollard Interactive also congratulated the Michigan Lottery for becoming the first U.S. lottery to obtain iCAP certification.

The Michigan Lottery and NeoPollard Interactive voluntarily sought iCAP certification after collaborating to launch an online games program for the Lottery in 2014.

According to a NeoPollard press release, iCAP is the first program of its kind in the U.S. and provides vendors and operators with an independent assessment of responsible gaming policies based upon standards and best practices from jurisdictions around the world. the Michigan Lottery and NeoPollard Interactive voluntarily sought iCAP certification after collaborating to launch an online games program for the Lottery in 2014.

"We believe that problem gambling must be addressed by vendors and lotteries alike," said Keith Whyte, Executive Director, NCPG. "We applaud NeoPollard Interactive and the Michigan Lottery for meeting or exceeding operational standards for all of the NCPG's specific 30-point criteria in order to achieve iCAP certification."

Doug Pollard, Co-Chief Executive Officer, NeoPollard Interactive, added, "Responsible gaming is now the industry standard for vendors and their lottery partners. In obtaining iCAP certification along with the Michigan Lottery, our goal is to develop socially responsible tools and practices that will protect the interests of players while at the same time maximizing lottery sales and proceeds for good causes in the long-term.

# ROCK GAMING ANNOUNCES OPERATIONAL TRANSITION OF OHIO GAMING PROPERTIES

On November 2, 2015, Rock Gaming LLC announced that the company and its affiliates ("Rock Gaming") will begin the transition of operational responsibilities of Horseshoe Casino Cleveland, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, and ThistleDown Racino. Management of the will transition from Caesars properties Entertainment Operating Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries in the coming months and is expected to be completed by mid-2016.

"This is an exciting time for us and we are eager to take the reins of day-to-day operations. We view this as an opportunity to leverage our unique culture and vast network of companies to grow the business and further connect the casinos to the downtown areas where they reside," said Matt Cullen, CEO of Rock Gaming. "We appreciate Caesars' commitment in helping develop three world-class gaming facilities, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with them in Baltimore and with Caesars Interactive Entertainment."

As a part of the transition, the properties will be rebranded and a new loyalty program will be introduced. Rock Gaming will be rolling guests' current Total Rewards Tier Status, Tier Credits and Reward Credits over to the new loyalty program. Additional details on the program will be announced in the coming months.

"Our top priority is making this transition a seamless experience for our more than 3,600 new team members and millions of guests," said Mr.

Cullen. "Our guests will still receive the same high level of commitment and service they have come to expect."

Notably, in February, Rock Gaming became sole owner of Horseshoe Casino Cleveland, ThistleDown Racino, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, the Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland, Higbee Building, and a controlling interest in Turfway Park.

Rock Gaming also owns and operates Greektown Casino in Detroit.