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CHARITABLE GAMING INDUSTRY LETTER No. 2009-03

September 18, 2009

TO: All Charitable Gaming Licensees

FROM: Larry Gregory, Executive Director 

RE: Background Investigation of Manufacturer and Distributor Licensees

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann §97-33-201 (1) (a), the Mississippi Gaming Commission Charitable Gaming Division will institute a comprehensive personal and company history investigation of manufacturer and/or distributor licensees. This will be effective from and after September 21, 2009. These investigations will include on-site manufacturer and/or distributor inspections, personal civil and criminal court record checks, as well as company and personal litigation reviews in the city, county and state where the company and relevant principals have resided within the last five (5) years. In the case of new applicants, the investigative period will include five (5) years from the date of the application.

A deposit for the estimated cost for the investigation fee must be paid in advance by the manufacturer and/or distributor. The investigative fee will be based on expenses for airfare, hotel accommodations, car rental, meals, and other miscellaneous expenses, as well as an hourly charge of eighty dollars (\$80.00). If at any time, it is determined that additional funds will be required, the manufacturer and/or distributor will be advised and must submit an additional amount upon request. Should the deposit exceed the cost of the investigative fee, a refund may be requested with submission of a refund request form.

At the conclusion of the investigation, a determination of suitability will be made. A finding of suitability will be effective for up to five (5) years. Renewal applications for findings of suitability must be submitted to the Mississippi Gaming Commission Charitable Gaming Division at least three months prior to expiration.

The cost of the suitability investigation is separate and in addition to the existing annual fee of twenty-five hundred dollar (\$2,500) for a manufacturer's license and twenty-five hundred dollar (\$2,500) for a distributor's license.

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Please direct all inquires in writing to:

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