

Menominee Indian Tribe Reaches Settlement in Lawsuit Against the United States

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin recently announced that it has reached a settlement of its lawsuit with the United States challenging the January 2009 rejection of the tribe's application to acquire the Dairyland Greyhound Track for gaming purposes. The tribe proposes to build a destination resort in Kenosha, Wisconsin which would include a casino, a hotel, and a 5,000 seat multi-purpose facility.

Menominee Tribal Chairman Randal Chevalier stated, "This is great news for our tribe, Kenosha, and the State of Wisconsin. Settlement of this lawsuit allows us to move forward in our efforts to bring thousands of quality jobs and a huge boost to the economy of the State."

The settlement requires the Department of the Interior to withdraw its January 2009 denial letter and to review the tribe's application based on the rules and regulations that were in place at that time. Within 45 days, the Department of the Interior must notify the tribe of what additional or updated information may be necessary for the Department of the Interior to complete its review of the application. If after such review the Secretary of the Interior determines that the tribe's planned casino and entertainment center will be in the best interest of the tribe and not detrimental to the local community, it will forward that finding to Governor Walker for his concurrence.

The settlement agreement comes approximately two months after Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry Echo Hawk, announced the withdrawal of the January 2008 "guidance" on off-reservation gaming. This guidance made it practically impossible for tribes to acquire land and build casinos outside of their reservations. The now withdrawn guidance had originally provided the basis for the Department of Interior's earlier rejection of the Menominee project.

"We still have a lot of work to do" stated Chairman Chevalier. "But with the withdrawal of the off-reservation Guidance and the settlement of this lawsuit means that the tribe will finally get the fair review that it has been entitled to all along. We are excited to see this project move forward and build a foundation to benefit both the tribe and State of Wisconsin during these critical economic times."

The Menominee Tribe projects that construction of the entertainment complex will result in over 1,000 construction jobs and at completion, the casino entertainment center in Kenosha will employ over 3,000 full time employees resulting in a much needed economic boost for the State of Wisconsin.

GLI Releases New GLI-11 V2.1 Standard

Gaming Laboratories International, LLC, is pleased to announce the release of the latest version of its widely recognized technical standard GLI-11 "Gaming Devices in Casinos" v2.1.

GLI-11 v2.1 has undergone extensive industry review and comment. The draft version of the standard was provided to thousands of industry stakeholders for feedback. These stakeholders were inclusive of Gaming and Lottery Regulators, Industry Suppliers, Industry Operators and Industry Trade Associations. GLI critically reviewed and processed the several hundred individual comments received from these industry stakeholders and applied those comments and suggestions accordingly.

"GLI-11 v2.1 introduces a critical evolution of the GLI-11 standard with a focus on technological innovation and overall refinement of the standard. Furthermore, for GLI-11 to continue to be a true industry standard it was essential that we closely consulted with regulators, suppliers and operators to ensure that the document represented the most highly developed standards and practices within our industry. We are very excited by this enhancement to GLI-11 and the future of the GLI Standards Series," said GLI Director of Technical Compliance Patrick Moore.

GLI-11 "Gaming Devices in Casinos" was first authored in 1999. Since that time it has become the most widely recognized and adopted technical standard in the gaming industry. It is recognized globally by some of the most highly regulated and successful gaming markets in existence and has been used as a regulatory guideline by hundreds of regulatory agencies around the world.

It is important to note that GLI-11 v2.1 does not introduce technical requirements that will cause currently developed technologies to no longer comply. Instead this version is intended to supplement a number of requirements that may have been too prescriptive. Furthermore, emphasis has been placed on refining sections, such as the revision history and submission requirements, by making those items supplemental documents that will be available separately from the core technical standard. This has reduced the overall size of the document and clearly enhanced the usability of the standard.

Wright Casino Marketing Creates Strategic Marketing Plan for Fire Rock Navajo Casino

Wright Casino Marketing, the country's premier agency specializing in gaming and hospitality, created a comprehensive strategic marketing plan to Fire Rock Navajo Casino of Church Rock, NM.

The plan provided an extensive research of the area's demographics and competition as well as an analysis of

property's database and current marketing and advertising programs. The plan identified key areas of opportunity for the casino, which opened in November 2008. The property offers 733 slots, eight table games and two restaurants.

"We're delighted with the analysis and clear direction provided by Wright Casino Marketing in this comprehensive marketing plan," said General Manager Kenny Hsi. "Wright's recommendations reflect thorough knowledge of gaming and effective casino marketing that will help us continue to grow and prosper.

"We know we made the right choice with Wright Casino Marketing," he added.

NEWave Successfully Installs myCompliance™ Title 31 and Tax Forms Solutions at River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, OK

NEWave has scored yet another win, installing its myCompliance™ suite that includes the Title 31 and Tax Forms software solutions at the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, OK. NEWave made the announcement from its booth at the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association trade show last month.

Title 31 and Tax Forms are two important elements of NEWave's myCompliance Suite, and function to help ensure a casino is filing timely, accurate tax reporting and is in compliance with federal anti-money laundering regulations.

River Spirit Casino operates more than 2,600 of the latest slot games along with 24 table games and 15 poker tables. Title 31 and Tax Forms help the casino to ensure compliance, while being as unobtrusive to their guests as possible.

River Spirit Casino Compliance Manager Meridith Gray said, "NEWave's Title 31 and Tax Forms solutions are important software additions to our operation. Now we can quickly and easily track and log financial transactions from all potential sources as they happen, in real time. Additionally, we now have an increased level of confidence with our reporting compliance, because reports are generated automatically."

"Only NEWave's myCompliance Suite enables operators to streamline and automate their compliance processes. For example, with Title 31, River Spirit can now ask their guests to provide their ID only once, and then never have their play interrupted again. With the stored data, the property can quickly and easily generate and file required reports, ensuring compliance and a positive guest experience," said NEWave COO Tom Bechtel.

NEWave's Title 31 solution completes, files and archives forms required to comply with FinCEN Title 31 anti-money laundering requirements and provides real-time tracking for cash transactions and check transactions. It also creates CTRC, SARC, W/9 and W/8 forms and files

electronically. NEWave's Tax Forms solutions completes, files and archives forms required to comply with IRS income reporting requirements, uniting the entire casino with one software solution.

Gaming Standards Association Streamlines Operations

The Gaming Standards Association has made several important changes to its membership structure. The result is a global organization more focused on protocol end-users – casino operators – and puts more control in the hands of its operator and supplier members.

"The changes we have made are positive and make GSA membership more meaningful," said GSA President Peter DeRaedt. "GSA has been lucky to have a core group of members who have shouldered a significant amount of the development expenses while the rest of the world reaped the benefits of their investment. Now, GSA members have more control over their future, because they are directly invested."

Effective immediately, GSA standards will be available exclusively to members. This means GSA members around the world will have a clear R&D and operations advantage over competitors, by having access to the most versatile and powerful protocols that drive the devices and systems of tomorrow. Additionally, only members will have access to protocol updates, new versions or technical notifications to previously released standards. This means that members will enjoy the exclusive benefit of teams of dedicated engineers working to make the industry better. The exception is GSA's serial GAT standard, which will continue to be available for free to the industry.

With a keen eye focused on regulation, GSA will now grant free access to governmental regulatory agencies of its standards. Membership is now open to test labs, which can join GSA at either a Bronze or Silver membership level.

To help keep GSA standards available to the entire industry for a reasonable investment, GSA has created a new "Bronze" membership level, with a low annual fee of \$10,000. Members at this new level will have access to final versions of all GSA standards. In addition, they will also have access to a manufacturers ID, which is necessary to implement GSA standards in products. Bronze members will be eligible to use GSA's exclusive Certification Program.

Last, effective immediately GSA's Certification Program will be available exclusively to members in good standing. "When people are invested, the results mean more, and they take a greater sense of ownership and responsibility. What these changes do is make GSA an organization of true investors – people who care about the outcome of the global gaming industry," DeRaedt said. ♣