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Involvement with Illegal Gambling

On August 31, 2005, the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission and the Colorado Attorney General's Office issued a joint news release warning Colorado residents against participating in illegal gambling activities. The release is a follow-up to a similar release regarding illegal internet gambling issued in August 2001 and statements regarding illegal gambling from the Division in the past. According to the release, state and federal laws prohibit internet gaming and telephone sports wagering. The release also clarifies the State's position on poker tournaments outside licensed casinos and "social gambling." The Division's official position on the legality of internet gaming and poker tournaments outside licensed casinos can be found on the Division's web site at

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Rev-Gaming/RGM/1213781235483>

Participation in illegal gambling activities is a violation of Title 18 of the Colorado Revised Statutes and a conviction thereof would be considered a gambling-related offense which is a disqualifier for gaming licensure according to C.R.S. 12-47.1-510. Furthermore, C.R.S. 12-47.1-801(2)(b) prohibits licensees from associating with persons or businesses involved in illegal gambling activities. Therefore, gaming licensees and applicants are strictly prohibited from participating in illegal gambling activities or associating with persons or businesses involved in illegal gambling activities. The Gaming Commission and the Division prohibit persons and businesses licensed in the casino industry from having any involvement with internet gaming sites that can be accessed by Colorado residents or with businesses or organizations that offer or sponsor illegal poker tournaments. This includes, but is not limited to, having a financial interest in an illegal internet gaming site; dealing poker for, sponsoring or hosting an event sponsored by a business that hosts an illegal gaming web site; or dealing poker for an illegal home poker tournament.