

June 23, 2006

To: All Registered Gaming Services Providers, including Gaming Operators, Equipment Suppliers, Distributors and Manufacturers.

***Re: Changes to the Gaming Control Act and Gaming Control Regulation***

The following is to advise you of important changes to the *Gaming Control Act* (“the Act”) and the *Gaming Control Regulation* (the Regulation”) which came into effect on June 23, 2006 and which affect all registered Gaming Services Providers. Complete information on these changes will be available shortly on the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (“GPEB”) website: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming)

Changes to the Act include:

- Amending the definition of associate in section 1(1)(a) of the Act to include any person with an “interest” in a registrant’s or applicant’s business or in a gaming facility.
- Amending section 73 to require gaming services providers to report and to receive approval for any proposed changes in ownership or control in advance.
- Amending section 88 and adding a new section 88.1 to prohibit people from promoting or engaging in unauthorized activities related to lottery schemes or the development, use, substantial change or relocation of gaming facilities.

Changes to the Regulation include:

- Amending the interpretation for the definition of associate in section 2 of the Regulation to describe “interest” in relation to a registrant or applicant.
- Amending section 2(2) (f) regarding the reporting of indebtedness and adding a new subsection (g) to include *interested parties*, who in the opinion of the general manager, are parties to an agreement or arrangement the purpose of which is to require them to act in concert with respect to their direct or indirect interests in a gaming licensee, registrant or applicant.

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- Amending section 3 to include commercial bingo halls and community gaming centres with casino gaming facilities and adding the provision of automated banking machines at gaming facilities as a new class of gaming service.
- Amending section 5 to include bingo floorworkers as gaming workers except for those individuals who are unpaid volunteers at a bingo facility and who circulate among the players to distribute bingo supplies and collect money from players.
- Amending section 29 to establish *community gaming centre services providers*, as a class of registration and amending section 31(2) to establish the registration application fee at \$2,000.
- Amending section 39 to prohibit a gaming worker from participating in lottery schemes at any gaming facility at which his or her employer provides gaming services, while permitting the purchase of lottery tickets, and permitting participation in bingo gaming during times when the gaming worker is not required to carry out the duties of his or her employment.
- Amending the Conditions of Registration for gaming services providers by adding new reporting provisions and other obligations, including a requirement to maintain gaming worker identification cards at the gaming facility when the gaming worker is off duty. A complete copy of the Conditions of Registration, as amended June 23, 2006, is enclosed for your information and guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Registration Division directly.

Yours sincerely,



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