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## NOTICE TO LICENSEES

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DATE:	May 2, 2012
TO:	All Licensees and Interested Parties
FROM:	Mark A. Lipparelli, Chairman
SUBJECT:	Independent Testing Laboratories

Effective July 1, 2012, the State Gaming Control Board Technology Division will no longer perform the pre-approval testing of gambling games, gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering systems, mobile gaming systems, and interactive gaming systems. The pre-approval testing service is to be conducted by independent testing laboratories (ITL) that have been registered by the State Gaming Control Board (GCB). The review of all products in the Technology Division queue for testing as of June 30, 2012, will be completed by the Technology Division Lab.

As of July 1, 2012, all manufacturers of gambling games, gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering systems, mobile gaming systems, and interactive gaming systems will be required to submit their product for pre-approval inspection and certification testing to an ITL registered with the GCB. This includes new, modifications to, and variations of such games, devices, equipment, and systems.

The Nevada Gaming Commission and State Gaming Control Board will remain the approval authority for all gambling games, gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering systems, mobile gaming systems, and interactive gaming systems operated in Nevada.

Manufacturers will continue to submit their products for approval to the GCB Technology Division. In addition to all material currently required for a complete approval request submission, manufacturers will be required to include the inspection and certification results of an ITL, as outlined in NGC Regulations 14.400.

It is anticipated that multiple ITLs will be registered by the GCB between June and July 1, 2012. The GCB will maintain a list of all registered ITLs on its website (<u>www.gaming.nv.gov</u>). Once an ITL has been registered, manufacturers may begin utilizing their service of pre-approval testing and certification for products to be submitted to the GCB for approval. Manufacturers will be able to use the ITL of their choosing and will not be restricted to the use of a single ITL.

Once registered, manufacturers will have the option of requesting pre-approval certification from either the GCB Technology Division or a registered ITL until June 30, 2012.

In accordance with Regulation 14, the GCB Technology Division will continue to:

- Conduct all field trials
- Perform all field inspections
- Approve the installation of all associated equipment
- Approve the installation of all system games
- Evaluate and grant emergency approval requests
- Provide all conceptual approvals

Questions can be directed to Technology Division Chief Jim Barbee at jbarbee@gcb.nv.gov.

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