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EUROPEAN CASINOS-THE ELITE NOMINATED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GAMING AWARDS

EUROPEAN CASINOS-The Elite is among the nominees for the "Casino Journal/Magazine, Online or Offline" category of the International Gaming Award, to be presented next 21 January at London's Natural History Museum.

We will be competing with some of the most prestigious publications in the gaming world. In under three years, EUROPEAN CASINOS-The Elite has become one of the leading magazines in Europe, thanks to our quality content, meticulous presentation and elegant design.



GPI SUPPLIES RFID CHIPS TO MANY WORLDWIDE CASINOS

Foxwoods Resort Casino of the USA has chosen RFID chips from Paulson, a subsidiary of GPI for their tables. The transaction will involve over a million units.

Gérard P. Charlier, President and CEO of GPI, added, "Foxwoods Resort Casino, the biggest in North America, has traditionally been at the forefront of adopting leading technologies that provide them with tools with which to further their growth. We are looking forward to supplying them with our industry leading RFID enabled gaming chips and fulfilling their gaming chip needs on an ongoing basis."

GPI added another major operator to its list of RFID chips customers in the UK by supplying the entire range of "S2" B&G chips to the new Stanley Circus Casino in Liverpool.

Finally, GPI has completed delivery of Bourgogne et Grasset gaming chips with Magellan/PGIC 13.56MHz RFID for the recently completed expansion of the Wynn Macau.

Gérard P. Charlier, President and CEO of GPI



OUTLOOK NOT GOOD FOR THE PANAMA FAIR

The forthcoming edition of the Panama fair, initially scheduled for June, is in serious danger of not going ahead, due to the lack of interest shown by most slots and gaming material manufacturers, very few stands having been taken. Some companies advertised as having taken stands have denied that this is true, others have simply stated that they may be interested, while yet more have said that they have no interest in taking part.

The disappointments of other years and the proximity to the Mexico Gaming Exhibition, to be held just one month previously, paint a bad picture for a fair which has no real reason for taking place. With this picture in view, the possibilities of the event going ahead seem increasingly bleak.



Empty corridors at the Panama fair

MEETING OF EGASA TOP EXECUTIVES

Last October, top executives at EGASA held a series of talks in Leon, Spain, to review the progress of the business and establish their strategy for the future, analysing all areas of the business: Casinos, amusement arcades, technology and systems, expansion and development, etc. The company has Casinos and amusement arcades in several European companies, and is planning to take on the Latin-American market.

EGASA executives: Alfredo González and José González, Chairmen, with Julián González de Bedoya, Casinos Expansion and Development Manager



NOVOMATIC UPDATE

In a recent top-101 survey by Latvian economy journal "Kapitals", Alfor, a subsidiary of Novomatic Holding Austria, ranked at number 15 in the list of the most valuable Latvian companies. With an annual growth rate of 252%, Alfor emerges as the most dynamic company in the Latvian economy.

Novomatic, together with its Polish branch ATT S.A., had a very successful appearance at Poland's SUREXPO fair in Warsaw.

Novomatic's Hot Spot™ machine, hugely popular in Poland, was awarded the show's Grand Prix for the most successful AWP-machine.

Novomatic headquarters in Latvia



GRAN CASINO CARTAGENA CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In its first year of business, Gran Casino de Cartagena, Spain, owned by the Gran Madrid Group, received 70,000 visits, 20% from outside of Spain.

Almost half a million roulette balls were thrown, 602,000 games of cards were played at the tables, and the 42 slots paid out over €1.7 million.



Gran Casino Cartagena

ZITRO PRESENTS ITS "BET" PLATFORM

Global Zitro has presented the new "BET" platform, offering a range of electronic bingo games, at Bingo Real Valladolid in Spain.

The platform allows for connection in real time between different establishments, guaranteeing more players and the possibility of paying out bigger prizes.

It also ensures maximum advantage is made of the available space, as the number of players depends on the number of terminals installed.



Global Zitro executives with officials from the Castilla y León region

NEW EASG CONFERENCE IN 2008

The 7th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues will be held at Casino & Hotel Perla, Nova Gorica, Slovenia from 1 - 4 July 2008.

The Conference is organized by the European Association for the Study of Gambling (EASG).

APPOINTMENT IN TCSJOHNHUXLEY

TCSJohnHuxley Europe has appointed Peter Greenhill as Managing Director. He takes responsibility for the continued growth of the TCSJohnHuxley brand and product portfolio in the UK and European regions.

Peter Greenhill



APPOINTMENT AT ARISTOCRAT EUROPE

Olga Pleguezuelos has been appointment Marketing & Communications Manager at Aristocrat Technologies Europe.

Olga Pleguezuelos



SUZO-HAPP GROUP ACQUIRES CHINATEC

Suzo-Happ Group announced the acquisition of Dynamics Chinattec Industries Limited, a Zhuhai, China-based manufacturer of parts and components used in the gaming, amusement and transportation markets. The Chinattec acquisition provides Suzo-Happ with state-of-the-art Asian manufacturing capabilities, expanded engineering capabilities, and additional capacity to accommodate future growth.