



GAMING REVENUE WILL GROW BY 36% IN 2012

A study conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers reveals that world revenue from gaming will grow by 36% in 2012. The Asian-Pacific region is the market from which greatest growth is expected, at rates of approximately 15.2% p.a. Thailand, Singapore and Macao are the countries that will most advance in the matter of gaming. The USA will also increase its earnings, going from US\$ 60,300 million in 2007 to US\$73,300 million in 2012. Europe, the Middle East and Africa will experience growth of 4.9 %, thanks to the opening of new Casinos, online gaming licences and sports betting. Finally, Canada will go from US\$4,600 million to US\$6,200 million, while Latin America will go from US\$297 million in 2007 to US\$ 514 million in 2012.



MONTICELLO GRAND CASINO INAUGURATED

With the opening of the Monticello Grand Casino, owned by Novomatic, Sun International and IGGR, Chile now has a new Casino. The Casino is the result of a €92.8 million investment, and has created 987 direct jobs. The leisure offer consists of 1500 slots, 80 games tables and 300 bingo positions, along with a bar and restaurant. Monticello Grand Casino was designed by GG International Casino Design, under renowned Peruvian architect Willy Gómez-Morón.

Architect Willy Gomez-Moron, who specialises in the construction and decoration of gaming establishments



The Casino's marvellous exterior and elegant interior were designed by Willy Gomez-Moron

FORCEFUL AGAINST PRODUCT PIRACY

What started at the World of Games gaming show of 2006 in Moscow with a vivid display of counterfeit Novomatic gaming machines being crushed by a Caterpillar, and found its continuation last year in Bucharest, has become an international crusade against piracy led by the Austrian Novomatic gaming group: with concrete results in Russia. Product piracy and copyright infringement are prevalent at international gaming industry trade shows, particularly in Eastern Europe. Two years ago the Novomatic Group of Companies started a unique campaign against international intellectual property piracy and has since persisted in its efforts to prosecute the masterminds of these criminal activities. A basic condition for a successful battle was the registry of industrial property rights in the form of trademarks, patents and designs, in order to enforce these claims effectively. This is the strategy that Novomatic has been implementing in recent years. In the meantime this policy has indeed brought clear results. The latest success in the prosecution of copyright infringement was achieved by close cooperation between Novomatic, international law firms and local police authorities. To address the worrying increase in piracy in the gaming industry, major industry players have come together to form the Gaming Industry Piracy Alliance (GIPA), providing a structure through which members can jointly participate in the enforcement of intellectual property rights and other anti-piracy activities and initiatives. The regions targeted by the group's anti-piracy efforts include North America, South America, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Countries) and the Middle East.



WMS GAMING REPORTS GOOD ECONOMIC RESULTS

WMS Industries has reported its financial results for its fiscal 2009 first quarter, ending on September 30, 2008. Total revenues increased 14% to \$151.4 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2008, compared to \$132.5 million for the same period in 2007. "WMS' record fiscal first quarter financial performance underscores the value of our ongoing focus on creating differentiated, high-earning products. Our 24% increase in first quarter gaming operations revenues and 8% improvement in product sales revenues demonstrate the high player appeal and Casino operator appreciation for the value of our products, which is especially important in the face of a slow economy and the challenges in the financial markets" said Brian R. Gamache, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.



INCREASED OPERATING PROFITS FOR CIRSA

The CIRSA Group obtained revenues of €1288 million for the first nine months of 2008 and an operating profit of €149 million, an increase of 18% over the same period in 2007. In the third quarter, the company invoiced €425 million. These results reflect the improvement and progress of the business, both in the Spanish market and in the foreign markets where CIRSA is present, specifically Italy and Latin America. The Casinos Division consolidated its growth in the main Latin-American markets, with an increase of 7.3% in the third quarter of the year, specifically in Panama, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

Joaquim Agut, CIRSA General Manager



WINNER GROUP - CIRSA INAUGURATES NEW CASINO IN COLOMBIA

On 24 October last, Winner Group-CIRSA, one of the major gaming operators in Colombia, inaugurated a new Casino in Barranquilla. Rio Casino is the most modern gaming establishment in the city. Winner Group-CIRSA has 21 Casinos in the country's major cities, which are visited by over 3 million people each year. This new Casino has created almost 100 direct jobs and covers an area of 1530 m² (1230 m² inside and 300 m² outside), with 120 slots and 12 games tables. The inauguration party was attended by some 2000 guests, including members of Barranquilla high society, important persons from the world of politics and social life, and VIP guests.



SUZO-HAPP GROUP ACQUIRES OWENS PRECISION FABRICATORS

Suzo-Happ Group has purchased Owens Precision Fabricators (OPF), a recognized leader in precision sheet metal fabrication for the Gaming industry. OPF products include specialised gaming cabinets for slot and video gaming machines, internal brackets and shelving, as well as door and trim components with highly polished chrome finishes. "This is a another strategic move which will enhance the global leadership position of the Suzo-Happ Group in the markets for Gaming components, parts and accessories" said Jim Brendel, President, Worldwide Gaming for the Suzo-Happ Group.



MEGACASINO IN VIETNAM

MGM MIRAGE and Asian Coast Development announced plans to develop the MGM Grand Ho Tram – Vietnam's first Las Vegas style integrated resort. ACDL will own and finance the project, while MGM MIRAGE will provide development assistance and brand equity and operate the five-star integrated resort property upon completion. MGM Grand Ho Tram is expected to open in 2011. "Our international gaming development team with their counterparts at ACDL, make MGM Grand Ho Tram a showplace for the further development of high-end international tourism in Vietnam", said Gamal Aziz, CEO of MGM MIRAGE Hospitality

PETER EASTGATE, WORLD POKER CHAMPION

Peter Eastgate, a 22-year old Danish player, played a straight to beat Russian Ivan Demidov in the final of the World Series Poker (WSOP) championship, held at the Hotel Rio All-Suite & Casino in Las Vegas. It so happens that the two were the only non-US players of the nine finalists. Eastgate received €7.2 million in prizes and has become the youngest player ever to be given the championship bracelet worn by WSOP star players.



COPAG QUALITY IN THE POKERSTARS RANGE OF PLAYING CARDS

COPAG has been chosen by PokerStars to produce the 100% Plastic range of playing cards with the Pokerstars.com, Pokerstars.net, LAPT - Latin American Poker Tour and EPT - European Poker Tour brand names. Developed after extensive surveys among professional players, dealers and croupiers, Copag's 100% plastic playing cards are manufactured from special raw materials which afford easy handling and dealing, as well as flexibility appropriate to players' needs. Perfect for dealing, the cards do not easily crumple and are difficult to mark.

