

ABBIATI TABLES REACH NEW ZEALAND

Casino Dunedin, on New Zealand's South Island, has installed Abbiati's roulette table, Black Jack table and Punto Banca table in its VIP room. These are the first tables made by the Italian firm for the Australasian market.



AGI RECEIVES LICENCE FOR ALBERTA

Austrian Gaming Industries (AGI) has been awarded a suppliers licence in Alberta and announced the further extension of its Canadian activities. Together with its experienced distributor TCSJohn Huxley, AGI is going to expand supply of the successful Multi Player Systems Novo Multi-Roulette™ and Novo TouchBet® Live-Roulette.



Novo Multi-Roulette™

Jens Halle, Managing Director of AGI states, "We started our activities in Canada some years ago with licences for Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, and the success with our Multi-Player Systems has, and continues to be, overwhelming. With the new licence for the Province of Alberta we intend to strengthen our market position in Canada".

TCSJOHNHUXLEY TO OFFER REVOLUTIONARY BLACKJACK DEVICE

TCSJohnHuxley are pleased to announce a new international agreement with TechArt, Inc. to distribute its MAXTime® product exclusively outside of North America. MAXTime® is a revolutionary patented device for the game of Blackjack developed in response to the "no peek" rule adopted by most casinos in order to prevent dealer tells and signalling.



MAXTime®

GPI ANNOUNCES \$50,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE GAMING INDUSTRY KATRINA RELIEF FUND

Gaming Partners International Corporation announced that Gérard P. Charlier, the company's Chief Executive Officer, has presented a check for \$50,000 to Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., President and CEO of the American Gaming Association, for the Gaming Industry Katrina Relief Fund.

Mr Charlier was joined in the presentation by the company's Gulf Coast area sales manager, Jena Cuevas, who resides in Gulfport, MS and survived the storm. The goal of the fund is to provide disaster relief and assistance to the affected gaming employees in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mr Charlier commented, "Everyone has been deeply affected by the scenes of mass loss, suffering and deprivation caused by this devastating storm. In particular, we note the many industry employees on the Gulf Coast who have been profoundly impacted by this disaster, and are pleased to join in this industry wide effort. We are also very sensitive to this tragedy as our sales employees and our Casino customers have suffered losses. As our name indicates, Gaming Partners is committed to partnership with our industry, and we are working to help the affected families restore their lives and to speed the recovery of the Casinos and local economy."



Gérard P. Charlier

APPOINTMENT IN WMS GAMING

WMS Gaming appoints Patricia Barten Senior Vice President of Manufacturing. Ms Barten will oversee the company's manufacturing, procurement, warehousing, regional operations, customer service, shipping and quality functions and will report directly to Brian R. Gamache, President and Chief Executive Officer of WMS.



ATRONIC'S "E-MOTION" APPROVED IN NEVADA

Atronic announces Nevada Gaming Lab approval for its innovative e-motion™ video slots. The eagerly anticipated approval allows Atronic to install its successful e-motion cabinet in Casinos throughout Nevada. The approval includes the e-motion cabinet as well as a full compliment of game themes including "Angels and Devils™", "Gypsy Fortune™" and "Xanadu™", with the approval of four more titles expected soon. Customers have placed orders for over 350 machines and the first installations will take place at Fiesta Rancho in Henderson and the Atlantis Casino and Resort in Reno.



Gypsy Fortune™

NEW INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR AT RECREATIVOS FRANCO

As part of its international expansion policy, Recreativos Franco has appointed Santiago Viñas Commercial Director of its "C" slot division for Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Mr Viñas has been International Operations Manager at Franco, since he joined the group in February, and he will now combine these functions with his new responsibilities.



Santiago Viñas

NEW AT DEK INTERNATIONAL: 3-CARD POKER PLUS!

DEK's lineup of unique and exciting table games just grew a little bigger with the launch of 3-card Poker Plus. This game features a unique progressive jackpot system that allows you to link all your poker tables together - Caribbean Stud Poker, Draw Poker, Three Card Poker, Hold'em... The new system was a great hit at the last edition of the G2E Fair in Las Vegas.



GAMING SIGNS AT CASINO MAGIC NEUQUÉN

Argentinean firm Gaming Signs was entrusted with the façade and indoor signage for new Casino Magic Neuquén, Argentina. Inside the Casino, the same company also installed a high-power colour sequence illuminated glass wall, the lighting for the exclusive wine bar, the lateral entrances and an indoor plasma screen sign, while outside they installed a large totem with sequential LEDs, a moving trihedron, a display panel with information about the Casino, as well as the access totems indicating the way to the different rooms.



Lucky Lady's Charm™

GAMINATOR® GOES CAPE

Following the successful installation of Austrian Gaming Industries (AGI) Africa's Gaminator® cabinets in Gauteng late last year, the Gaminator® has now moved south as Caledon Casino Western Cape has also recently installed the trendy new machines. Caledon Casino has installed 6 machines complete with four of AGI's most exciting games: "Columbus™", "Dolphin's Pearl™", "Lucky Lady's Charm™" and "Queen of Hearts™". These 9-line, 5-reel video games offer increased player winnings and free games, which are played at current bets, delivering maximum player enjoyment throughout the game.



EELEX 2005

Russian Fair EELEX 2005, the largest gaming exhibition in Eastern European, will be held in Moscow from 20-22 December. The organisation has published information about their new look on their website www.eelex.net, where information regarding all aspects of the fair is available to visitors and exhibitors.

SAGSE-BUENOS AIRES 2005

The biggest fair in Latin America will be held from 9-11 November in Buenos Aires.

As in previous years, the fair will contain all the equipment necessary to equip a Casino, from traditional table games to state-of-the-art slots, the most advanced software, furnishings, decoration and architecture, etc. The 15,000 m2 exhibition space will house almost 150 exhibitors from all over the world and organisers Monografie hope to welcome over 5,000 professional visitors.

Events held in conjunction with the fair include "Chile Day", focussing on the new Casino licences to be granted in Chile.

The traditional Gala Dinner will also be organised by Monografie, during which the famous "SAGSE" prizes, awarded by Monografie, and the "As de Oro" trophies, awarded by the magazine "Casinos de Latinoamérica" will be awarded to the most prominent persons and companies from with the Casino world in the last year.



SAGSE-CENTROAMÉRICA 2006

The big gaming multinationals will all be present at the next edition of SAGSE-Centroamérica, which will be held in Panama on 25 and 26 May.

WMS Gaming has recently confirmed its participation at the second edition of the event.

The US firm will be joined by Recreativos Franco, Gaming Partners International (GPI), Aristocrat, TCS/JohnHuxley, DEK International, Hispania Casino Equipment and others.

Although the second edition is still some months off, organisers GRP Inversiones inform that a third of the exhibition space has already been booked.

The fair will run in conjunction with a cycle of conferences, featuring Latin-American and European speakers, and the "3rd Congress of American Gaming Regulators", the 2005 edition of which was a great success.



DEQ OBTAINS A PATENT FOR A NEW REMOTE BETTING SYSTEM

DEQ Systems Corp. has obtained an important patent that completes their table game patent portfolio. This patent relates to an electronic system, called "Remote Betting", allowing spectator wagers, from any place, on players sitting at a table game in a Casino or a tournament.

DEQ's new patent and technology integrates with the four major families of table games: blackjack, baccarat, roulette, and poker. This new system allows remote betting, from any room, restaurant or bar of the establishment, or by Internet. The game is electronically retransmitted on the screen of a console or computer. DEQ plans to integrate the other elements of their patent portfolio, such as Multiple Side Betting and Mystery Bonusing, into this technology.

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Herman Van Lishout

WLG AND ELAUT SIGN INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION DEAL

Waz Lian Gaming signed an exclusive distribution agreement with Elaut of Belgium. Adding to the list of electronic gaming machines is the new "Victory Sic Bo Dice 2006". With a choice of 6 or 8 players, the machine can be linked up to 200 independent player stations allowing more players to bet on the same game.

Herman Van Lishout, International Sales Manager of Elaut stated, "The new Victory Sic Bo Dice machine will be in the limelight in 2006. The agreement we have with WLG will definitely bring us closer to Asia Pacific where Sic Bo is a popular game".



Ricardo Gonçalves Filho

CARTA MUNDI ACQUIRES INTEREST IN COPAG

Carta Mundi announced the acquisition of 50% of Copag stock. Copag is a Brazilian-based playing card manufacturer and a market leader in Latin America.

Chris Van Doorslaer, CEO of Carta Mundi Group said, "Carta Mundi now becomes the only playing card manufacturer with a presence in 4 continents, producing more cards than any other manufacturer in the world".

Ricardo Gonçalves Filho, CEO of Copag said, "Copag has developed one of the most advanced playing card production processes in the world. The convergence of Copag and Carta Mundi know-how, technology, management systems, tradition and people will provide customers with the best products and service available in the marketplace".

OCTAVIAN ADDS CASHLESS AND PLAYER TRACKING TO ACP SYSTEM

Octavian International has further extended the capabilities of its Octalink ACP (Accounting, Control, Progressives) slot management system with a new Cashless and Player Tracking add-on module.

Octavian Commercial Director, Robert Dykstra said, "Globally, the gaming industry is moving away from cash and towards greater automation and sophisticated use of player data. Cashless and Player Tracking reaffirm our commitment to enriching our Octalink ACP slot management systems with functionality that adds further levels of efficiency and opportunity for multi-site operators, and compelling benefits for their customers".



Robert Dykstra

CASINOS CHOOSE CHIPPER CHAMP PLUS AS THE CLEAR WINNER

After a head-to-head trial against Shuffle Master's Easy Chipper at Motor City Casino in Detroit Michigan, TCSJohnHuxley USA has announced that their Chipper Champ Plus has once again been declared the clear winner. A direct result of the trial saw an order for 5 Chipper Champ Plus machines being secured.

This success has been mirrored throughout the United States: Hard Rock, Biloxi, Mandalay Bay and the Imperial Palace, Las Vegas and the Show Boat, Atlantic City; has selected the Champ.



Casino Mandalay Bay

MEROPA INCREASES NOVO TOUCHBET® LIVE-ROULETTE SERIES

This upmarket Casino in Polokwane expanded its Multi-Player system fleet in March this year by installing AGI Africa's Novo TouchBet® Live-Roulette. Due to the successful performance of the 12-player system already installed in the Casino's smoking section, Meropa added an additional 8-terminals on the non-smoking floor.



Novo Touchbet™ Live-Roulette

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