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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Issues Deadline For Applicants to Declare License Category

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has made a determination to prioritize the award of a Category 2 license for a slots parlor in the Commonwealth. In order to conduct thorough background investigations and meet proposed deadlines set by the Commission, the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) is requiring that two applicants, *Mass Gaming & Entertainment LLC* and *PPE Casino Resorts*, declare which category of license they will be seeking, along with their partners who will have to qualify for the license, by **February 19, 2013**. The other nine applicants have previously identified which category license they plan to seek.

On January 15, 2013, MGC announced that **11** gaming applicants had officially submitted the first application (Phase 1) and the non-refundable \$400,000 application fee in a two-phase application process toward the award of an expanded gaming license. **Attached please find a list of applicants.

Background investigations are underway for all of the applicants. MGC will first proceed with the issuance of the single slots-parlor license. It is anticipated that the slots-parlor license will be awarded by September 1, 2013, barring delays beyond the Commission's control, such as delays in submitting completed data, appeals of Commission decisions, etc.. MGC anticipates the first resort-casino license to be awarded on or before **February 26, 2014**.

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit www.mass.gov/gaming or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm).