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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Hires Director of Racing

Veteran Regulator Joins Commission to Lead Reform and Innovation for State's Horse Racing Industry

Today Chairman Steve Crosby on behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is pleased to announce industry veteran, **Dr. Jennifer Durenberger DVM, JD**, as the new Director of Racing. Dr. Durenberger brings over twenty years of national and international experience as a racing regulator with a unique and highly-specialized skill set derived from positions held as both a regulatory veterinarian and an accredited steward. This appointment comes on the heels of MGC's recent announcement to introduce sweeping regulatory reform to the state's horse racing industry in preparation of the arrival of expanded gaming. The implementation of the recently announced reforms, which will be guided and implemented by Dr. Durenberger, will support the highest standards in both integrity and safety as the horse racing industry prepares to co-exist with casinos. The appointment of Durenberger in conjunction with previously announced reforms are part of an overall effort to support and stabilize the sport's potential for future growth and revitalization.

As the Director of Racing, Dr. Durenberger will be the operational and administrative head of the MGC Racing Division and will be responsible for executing, administrating and enforcing the provisions of the law relative to the state's racing industry. Dr. Durenberger will oversee the implementation of regulatory reform to include the adoption of the ARCI Model Rules of Racing and other best practices in the industry. She will also be tasked with developing administrative procedures and internal controls for the Racing Division, which ensures the highest integrity and efficiency.

Chairman Crosby stated, "Dr. Durenberger is a truly remarkable addition to our team at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Her impressive and expansive experience in the horse racing industry will provide the insight and perspective necessary to carry out the important and complex mission of preparing the state's horse racing industry for the arrival of expanded gaming facilities. I am confident that Ms. Durenberger also has the expertise to ensure the implementation of the nation's best practices at our racetracks by developing and maintaining a strong, fair and transparent regulatory structure."

Prior to joining MGC, Dr. Durenberger first became a regulatory veterinarian in 2003 for the *New York Racing Association* (NYRA) at the Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga racetracks. During her tenure, the NYRA implemented numerous regulatory reforms, including blood-gas testing program and a raceday security barn among numerous other innovative integrity-building initiatives.

Dr. Durenberger subsequently served as a regulatory veterinarian in 2008 for the *California Horse Racing Board* at Hollywood Park, Santa Anita and Fairplex racetracks while also pursuing a law degree at Western

State University College of Law. During her tenure at the California board, Durenberger had oversight responsibilities for test barn technicians, sample custodians, administrative personnel and associate veterinarians.

In 2009, Dr. Durenberger became an accredited steward and member of the *Racing Officials Accreditation Program Education Committee*. Also in 2009, she was tapped to be one of only three independent veterinarians to join the *National Thoroughbred Racetrack Association's Safety and Integrity Alliance*. In addition, Dr. Durenberger has international experience as a regulatory veterinarian for three Breeder's Cup World Championships in 2005, 2008 and 2009. In recent years, Dr. Durenberger has operated her own regulatory consulting business known as *Racing Matters*.

Durenberger graduated cum laude with a law degree from Western State University College of Law in 2010. In 2002, she graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Durenberger also holds a Bachelors of Science from the University of Minnesota in Psychology and Public Health.

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).

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