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**The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Releases Background Investigation Report
for Resort Casino Applicant Sterling Suffolk LLC**
Adjudicatory Hearing Regarding 'Suitability' Scheduled for October 29th

Today the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (Commission) released the background investigation report pertaining to resort-casino gaming applicant, **Sterling Suffolk LLC (Suffolk)**. The Commission has scheduled an adjudicatory hearing to determine Suffolk's suitability on **October 29, 2013 at 9:30am** at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, 415 Summer Street, Room 151 B, Boston, MA.

The application for a gaming license has two parts. The first, called the Phase 1 application, essentially focuses on the qualifications and suitability of the applicants and its "qualifiers" (entities and individuals) to hold a gaming license. The Phase 2 application is 'site specific' and focuses on site, design, finance, operation, community mitigation and other attributes of the gaming facility itself. As one of the prerequisites to submitting a Phase 2 (and final) application to the Commission outlining the specifics of its proposal for a gaming establishment, all applicants must first be issued a positive determination of suitability by the Commission. The burden is on each applicant to establish its suitability to hold a gaming license by "clear and convincing evidence." To that end, all applicants that submitted a Phase 1 application have subjected themselves to a thorough background investigation of all its qualifiers, both individuals and entities. The investigations are being conducted and remain ongoing by the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Commission.

The Commission's Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) recently completed a report which details the findings of a lengthy and comprehensive background investigation into Sterling Suffolk LLC and its qualifying partners. Although Caesars Entertainment Corporation (Caesars) was originally a qualifying partner, they have since withdrawn from the process. As a result, Caesars suitability will not be discussed as part of the Commission's deliberations.

To review Suffolk's background investigation report, please click [here](#).

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