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Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
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February 17, 2009

Office of the Governor
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Sir,

Pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. § 1003(2)(R), the Gambling Control Board is required to submit to you by March 15th of each year a report on slot machine revenues, credits disbursed by the slot machine operator(s), administrative expenses and the allocation of gross slot machine income for the preceding year.

The Gambling Control Board adopted this report at their meeting on 2/11/09.

On behalf of the Gambling Control Board, I am pleased to submit the attached report to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Welch".

Robert P. Welch
Executive Director

CC: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs (16)

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Operations Update

The Gambling Control Board is responsible for the licensing, regulating and inspection of the corporations, people and machines that operate slot facilities in Maine. The Board also licenses the companies that sell associated equipment to the slot operator(s).

Bangor Historic Track (D/B/A Hollywood Slots Hotel and Raceway) opened their permanent facility at 500 Main St. in Bangor on July 1, 2008. This facility operates 1000 slot machines. This is approximately double the number that had been operated in the temporary facility from November of 2005 until June 30, 2008.

The Gambling Control Board is supported by 6.5 staff positions. These positions include an Executive Director, a State Police Detective, 2 civilian Inspectors, an internal auditor and an office assistant (1/2 time). There is also an identification specialist position in State Bureau of Identification funded by the Gambling Control Board due to the large number of fingerprint submissions that the licensing process generates. A State Police Sergeant's position was eliminated on June 30, 2008.

The licensing of the personnel at the facility and the people who own and run the companies doing business with Hollywood Slots of Bangor take up the majority of the State Police detective's time. The detective annually investigates at least 5 international companies and approximately 300 individuals that are associated with the Bangor facility. The interview sessions sometimes require out of state travel.

The two civilian inspectors perform inspections and surveillance on the floor of the facility. The inspectors are critical in maintaining a hands-on approach of our vigorous oversight at the facility. The inspectors also assist other law enforcement agencies that have need of information from the slot facility.



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The Auditor provides day-to-day review of the operator's financial reports and ensures proper payment of revenue to the State of Maine. Financial information is electronically collected from the slot machines through a central site monitoring system operated by Scientific Games. This monitoring system operates 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week to ensure correct accounting of machine play.

Board Composition

Current members of the Board include: George McHale (Chairman), W. Lawrence Hall, Peter Danton, Richard Arnold and Cushing Samp.

The Board meets monthly in the Board Room located at Department of Public Safety Headquarters at Commerce Drive in Augusta.

Since 2007, the Gambling Control Board Room has been outfitted with an internet feed to allow for people to listen to the meetings live through the Gambling Control Board website. The Board also makes that room available for other state entities without cost.



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Administrative Expenses

<u>Gambling Control Board</u>	<u>Expenses FY 07</u>	<u>Expenses FY 08</u>
Part I: Personnel	\$ 559,310.07	\$ 596,854
Part II: All Other Expenses	\$ 371,997.77	\$ 396,320
Total Expenses FY 2007	\$ 931,307.84	\$ 993,174

Revenue/Credits

Slot Machine Revenue 2008

During 2008, Hollywood Slots at Bangor was opened for 363 days (closed on Christmas and Easter). Prior to the permanent facility opening on July 1, 2008, the facility at 427 Main St operated 495 machines.

The total amount wagered for 2008 at the Bangor Facility (427 Main and 500 Main St.), "Gross Slot Machine Income" as defined by 8 M.R.S.A. §1001(20), was \$626,556,657.52.

Credits Disbursed 2008

The amount of money or credits paid back to the players by Hollywood Slots Hotel and Raceway in 2008 was \$ 576,041,275.50. This was computed by subtracting the Net Slot Machine Income from the Gross Slot machine income for 2008.



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Allocation of Slot Income

Funds received from Hollywood Slots at Bangor were allocated in accordance with 8 M.R.S.A. §1036.

<i>%</i>	<i>Routing</i>	<i>Fund Title</i>	<i>Total 2006</i>	<i>Total 2007</i>	<i>Total 2008</i>
	<u>From Gross Slot Income</u>				
1%	To General Fund	Administrative Expenses of the Board	\$5,642,481.40	\$ 6,097,337.21	\$6,265,566.58
	<u>From Net Slot Income (39% of Net)</u>				
3%	To General Fund	Administrative Expenses of the Board, including gambling addiction services	\$ 959,607.02	\$ 1,110,105.65	\$1,327,494.45
10%	Treasurer of State	Fund to Supplement Harness Racing Purses	\$3,198,690.07	\$ 3,715,463.26	\$4,424,981.54
3%	Harness Racing Commission	Sire Stakes Fund	\$ 956,239.10	\$ 1,114,638.08	\$1,327,494.54
3%	Treasurer of State	Agricultural Fair Support Fund	\$ 956,239.10	\$ 1,114,638.08	\$1,327,494.54
10%	State Controller	Fund for Healthy Maine (prescription drugs)	\$3,198,690.07	\$ 3,700,352.15	\$4,424,981.54
2%	U Maine	U Maine Scholarship Fund	\$ 639,738.02	\$ 740,070.43	\$ 884,996.24
1%	Community College	Maine Community College Scholarship Fund	\$ 319,869.01	\$ 370,035.22	\$ 442,498.19
4%	Harness Racing Commission	Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Track (Scarborough and Bangor)	\$1,274,985.04	\$ 1,486,185.30	\$1,769,992.64
2%	Harness Racing Commission	Fund to Stabilize Off-Track Betting Facilities	\$ 639,738.02	\$ 743,092.65	\$ 884,996.24
1%	City of Bangor	Host Community	\$ 319,869.01	\$ 370,035.22	\$ 442,498.19
		TOTAL (1% and 39%)	<u>\$18,106,145.96</u>	<u>\$ 20,587,643.88</u>	<u>\$23,522,994.69</u>