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TO: ALL LICENSED MANUFACTURERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED PHYSICAL "SKILL" BASED GAMING TECHNICAL STANDARDS

In February of this year the State Gaming Control Board's Technology Division proposed amendments to the technical standards that would allow for the introduction of physical skill game features under certain conditions. This proposal has been withdrawn from the adoption process in light of recent guidance from the Nevada Gaming Commission.

The suitability of a physical skill game feature was addressed in the July 2007 meetings of the State Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission relative to Bally Technologies' Pong themed gaming device.

The Board and the Commission found that physical skill could have an effect in game outcome under the following conditions:

1. The manual/physical skill component shall only affect the amount of the bonus award and shall not affect the amount of the base game payouts.

2. The combined base game payouts plus bonus awards, assuming no skill is used in the bonus round, shall satisfy the minimum payout required by NGC Regulation 14.040(1).

3. If a patron achieves the bonus award, there must be some bonus payout to the patron.

4. It shall be noted on the exterior of the gaming device that a player's skill will affect the amount of bonus awarded.

These conditions shall be applied and examined when the Technology Division reviews gaming devices that utilize physical skill in the game outcome.

The Board will be drafting technical standards to incorporate such conditions, which standards may include corollary elements. The draft standard will be published for comments in the near future.

Please contact Technology Division Chief Travis Foley at (702) 486-2048 if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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