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NOTICE TO LICENSEES

Notice # 2017-21

Issuing Division: Technology

DATE: April 4, 2017

TO: All Licensees and Interested Parties

FROM: A.G. Burnett, Chairman

SUBJECT: Pre-Approval Inspection by the Technology Division

Gaming technology for use or play in Nevada must go through a two-step process prior to being used by an operator or offered to the public for play. The first step is the pre-approval inspection in which the product is tested to ensure it complies with the Nevada regulatory structure. The second step is the final approval of the product which includes the administrative process of recording the details of the product and may include a field trial or appearance before the Nevada Gaming Control Board (NGCB) and Nevada Gaming Commission (NGC).

Currently, the pre-approval inspection of all gaming technology is conducted by Independent Testing Laboratories (ITLs) registered with the NGCB. The NGC and NGCB are the approving authority.

Effective April 1, 2017, a manufacturer of associated equipment, a cashless wagering system, a mobile gaming system, or an interactive gaming system will have the option to request that the Technology Division perform the pre-approval inspection of the initial offering of a new product or the addition of significant new functionality to an existing product. The use of the Technology Division to perform pre-approval inspection in this instance is optional and a manufacturer may continue to submit to an ITL for pre-approval inspection instead. It is not necessary to submit to both for the pre-approval inspection.

A manufacturer of a gaming device may request the Technology Division perform the pre-approval inspection of a new gaming device or modification under the New Innovation Beta (NIB) program in accordance with Regulation 14.080 and Regulation 14.130. Notice #2016-96 provides additional information on NIB.

New or variations of a gambling game and routine modifications to a gaming device, associated equipment, cashless wagering system, mobile gaming system, or interactive gaming system continue to require inspection and certification by an ITL.

The NGC and NGCB remain the approving authority for all gambling games, gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering systems, mobile gaming systems, and interactive gaming systems for use or play in Nevada. Manufacturers will continue to submit their products for approval to the NGCB Technology Division as required by NGC Regulation 14.

The NGCB maintains a list of registered ITLs on its website (www.gaming.nv.gov). Manufacturers are able to use the registered ITL of their choosing and are not restricted to using single ITL.

A manufacturer is encouraged to contact the Technology Division prior to submitting a request in order to review the eligibility criteria and submission requirements for the Technology Division to conduct the pre-approval inspection. A manufacturer is also advised to review the Gaming Technology Approval Process outlined in Notice # 2015-97.

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