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987 – Appointment – Mr. George Sweny

It has been announced that Mr. George Sweny will be appointed Senior Vice President – *Charitable & iGaming* at the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corporation (OLG).

This is a new position and will be part of the Executive Leadership Team with the OLG and reinforces the commitment to both channels of business. As you will all be aware, George's return to the OLG will bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding, having previously held senior roles in the OLG, BCLC and more recently the AGCO.

It is worth pointing out that while George was Vice President – Bingo (BCLC), he spearheaded the launch of the *Community Gaming Model* in British Columbia and made a tremendous contribution to the success of that program. More recently, as Chief Strategy Officer at the AGCO, he has been leading the *Standard Risk Base* approach with Registration and Regulation in that agency, under the leadership of Mr. Jean Major (CEO-AGCO).

It is my view that George's appointment will strengthen & highlight the role Charitable Gaming has and will have within the OLG going forward. His ability to engage and lead is another one of George's skills. To have a Senior Vice President who, on appointment, can *hit the ground running* is tremendous and I credit Mr. Rod Phillips (CEO-OLG) for his choice for this important business portfolio.

Upon George's appointment, he will have Mr. John Wisternoff (Vice President), Mr. Ron Ko (Director) and Ms. Diane Gartshore (Director) reporting directly to him.

I am sure you will join me in wishing George every success in his new role.

988 – Mr. Tom Marinelli – Chief Transformation & Chief Information Officer

With the appointment of Mr, George Sweny, the only downside for Charitable Gaming (in my view) is the loss of Mr. Tom Marinelli, who will release control of this portfolio to George.

Without question the hard work, stakeholder engagement, product development and infrastructure build up that this individual has placed into our sector has been remarkable when you consider his other two main responsibilities and he needs to be highly praised for his work, his commitment and his positive attitude. He is a true asset to the Corporation.

I want to take this opportunity to '*publicly*' thank Tom for his tremendous contribution. He has set a solid foundation that we can build on going forward.

989 – Application for a New Bingo Centre Opening

For your information, please find enclosed a notice of a new Bingo Centre opening in the Municipality of Norfolk County, Simcoe, Ontario.

990 – Echo Entertainment Group – The Star Casino

It has been reported that The Star Casino (Sydney, Australia) will shed 100 key management jobs in the wake of a scandal as it desperately seeks to rebuild its tattered reputation. The biggest head to roll is the Chief Financial Officer in this mammoth shake-up.

The purge comes after months of bad publicity and declining profits at The Star. The casino has issued two profit warnings this month. Turnover for 2012 is expected to be as low as \$A270m, down from \$A347m in 2011.

Echo Entertainment Group holds the only Casino licence in Sydney, which is not due for renewal until 2017. In recent months there has been some interest in this company, coming from two very successful gaming companies, *Crown Casinos and Gentings Holding (HK)*, both of which have major gaming holdings around the world.

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