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FY05 ANNUAL REPORT TO MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri - Monday, September 26, 2005. Today the Missouri Gaming Commission released its Fiscal Year 2005 - Annual Report to the Missouri General Assembly. The seventy-six-page report is a year-end summary of the Commission's 2005 regulatory activities. The report includes a status summary of each licensed riverboat gaming facility in the state and a summary disclosure from each home dock community on their use of riverboat gaming funds.

Summary Highlights From Report

Report of Competitiveness Section (page 7-9)

The Commission requests legislation relieving it of the responsibility of reporting the impact of the loss limit on the competitiveness of the industry. The Commission believes it should

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avoid such volatile political issues and concentrate on its role as an independent regulatory and enforcement agency.

The Gaming Market Section (page 22-27)

7.5% growth in statewide riverboat gaming revenue from FY04.
(\$1.4 billion to \$1.5 billion)

Charitable Gaming Section (page 29 - 31)

Regular bingo licenses in the state continue to decline, according to the report. (FY05 - 459, FY04 - 483, FY03-517 and FY02- 550)

Problem Gambling Section (page 32 - 36)

8,900 persons on the state's list of people who voluntarily exclude themselves from the state's riverboat casinos after admitting that they are problem gamblers (up approximately 1,200 from the same time last year). The Commission attributes the increasing number of problem gamblers accessing the program to the growing effectiveness of the Missouri Alliance to Curb Problem Gambling's education and outreach programs. National and local prevalence studies consistently show that approximately 1% of the adult population suffers from symptoms of pathological gambling and an additional 3-5% experience some problems associated with their gambling. Thus, an increase in Missourians accessing help for their gambling problem is a positive sign.

The report is posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.mgc.dps.mo.gov>. Printed copies of the report may be obtained from the Commission's Jefferson City Office (573) 526-4080, Kansas City Office (816) 482-5704 or St. Louis Office (314) 340-4400.

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