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H. CHARLES GAUDIN CHAIRMAN

IN RE: FOREST GOLD TRUCK PLAZA & CASINO, L.L.C. D/B/A FOREST GOLD VIDEO ROOM NO. 4600511922A

# **ORDER**

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of January 16, 2007. The Hearing Officer's order dated December 20, 2006, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action," No. 4600511922A, by and between Forest Gold Truck Plaza & Casino, L.L.C. d/b/a Forest Gold Video Room, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the | day of January, 2007.

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# JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

# TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COMES the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police ("the Division") and Forest Gold Truck Plaza & Casino, L.L.C. d/b/a Forest Gold Video Room (hereinafter "Forest Gold"), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Forest Gold are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a compromise and settlement agreement which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

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A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, The Division and Forest Gold respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**EXHIBIT "A"** 

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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State

Police (hereinaster "the Division") and Forest Gold Truck Plaza & Casino, L.L.C. d/b/a Forest

Gold Video Room (hereinafter "Forest Gold"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has issued a Notice of

Recommendation of Administrative Action to Forest Gold dated July 18, 2006 relative to its

license to operate video poker machines at its qualified truck stop facility alleging certain

violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Forest Gold are desirous of fully and finally

compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with the said

Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby

agree and stipulate as follows:

#### **STIPULATIONS**

- 1. On April 27, 2006, Division agents entered Forest Gold Video Game Room for the purposes of checking the licensee's compliance concerning the prevention of underage playing video gaming devices.
- 2. A cooperating individual, who is not yet twenty-one years old, approached the cashier with a twenty dollar bill and asked for change to play video poker. The cashier did not request identification from the cooperating individual.
- 3. The cooperating individual played the video gaming devices for eighteen minutes.
- 4. While at the video gaming devices, an attendant asked the cooperating individual and Division agents if they would like a drink. The attendant did not request identification from the cooperating individual.
- 5. At the conclusion of play, the cooperating individual made contact with a security guard regarding a malfunction of the device. The security guard assisted the cooperating individual in obtaining a payout ticket. The security guard did not request identification from the cooperating individual.
- 6. The cooperating individual took the payout ticket to the cashier. The attendant asked the cashier to check the cooperating individual's identification. The cooperating individual produced a valid Louisiana Driver's license to the cashier. The driver's license states in bold letters "Under 21 until 5-18-2008." The cashier examined the driver's license and returned the license to the cooperating individual. The cashier then paid the value of the payout ticket.
  - 7. The cooperating individual and Division agents exited the establishment.
- 8. Shortly thereafter, the Division agents reentered Forest Gold and issued Violation/Inspection Report No. 15626. It alleged that Forest Gold violated La. 27:319.
- 9. The Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action issued to Forest Gold alleges that it violated La. R.S. 27:319(B)(1)(b).

10. Forest Gold admits that it violated La. R.S. 27:319(B)(1)(b).

**NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the foregoing, the Division and Forest Gold hereby propose to settle this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. In lieu of administrative action, Forest Gold Truck Plaza & Casino, L.L.C. will pay FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the State of Louisiana within fifteen (15) days of the approval of this agreement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.
- 2. Further, Forest Gold will post a second security guard to check I.D.'s of all patrons. That second guard will remain in effect until the date of the first anniversary of the approval of this agreement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.
- 3. Forest Gold will conduct random checks at the location to determine whether identifications are being checked.
- 4. Forest Gold will post "WE ID UNDER 30" signs at the entrance to Forest Gold Video Room.
- 5. Forest Gold will re-train existing employees and train new employees on identification checking procedures.
- 6. At a date and time to be approved by the Division in writing, Forest Gold will close the Forest Gold Video Room and not allow any play on the video gaming devices for two hours. During this time, Forest Gold will conduct training of its employees on identification checking procedures. This shall occur within thirty (30) days of the approval of this agreement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.
- 7. The Division hereby agrees to accept payment in full and final settlement of Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action issued to Forest Gold.

- 8. Any and all information discovered throughout the course of this investigation may be used in future investigations to determine the suitability of Forest Gold. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this investigation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty.
- 9. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 10. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Forest Gold, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.
- 11. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be of no force or effect unless and until it is approved by both the Administrative Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.
- 12. Failure to submit FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 5,000.00) to the State of Louisiana within fifteen (15) days of the approval of this agreement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board or failure to comply with any of the terms of this agreement shall result in the immediate suspension of Forest Gold's license without necessity of further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid and full and the licensee is in compliance with all terms of this agreement.

I have read this entire Compromise Settlement Agreement, understand it, and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.

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Michael J. Daniels, AAG on behalf of

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Office of State Police

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# **ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the day of December, 2006, came on for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, APPROVED.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 200 day of December, 2006, in Baton

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