



State of Louisiana
Gaming Control Board

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**IN RE: GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES, LLC
LICENSE NO.: R016502995**

**SAR#15-4-43-010-0238
SAR#15-4-43-130-3724
SAR#15-4-43-103-3126**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of March 14, 2016. The Hearing Officer’s order dated March 8, 2016, based on the “Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement” in the matter of the “Notice of Violation and Penalty”, by and between Golden Nugget Lake Charles, License No. R016502995, SAR 15-4-43-010-0238, SAR 15-4-43-130-3724, SAR-4-43-103-3126, 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 *14th* day of *March, 2016*.

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RE: GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES, L.L.C. SAR # 15-4-43-010-0238
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**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and Golden Nugget Lake Charles, L.L.C. (hereinafter "Golden Nugget"), 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 Golden Nugget 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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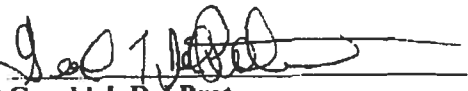
A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.


Representative
Louisiana Gaming Control Board

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

Respectfully Submitted,

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES, L.L.C.

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EXHIBIT "A"

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and Golden Nugget Lake Charles, L.L.C. (hereinafter "Golden Nugget") do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division has issued a Notice of Violation, Written Warning, and Penalty (hereinafter, the "Notice") to Golden Nugget alleging certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by the Notice are set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Golden Nugget are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with the Notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1. On January 15, 2015, a 20-year-old male, working for a sub-contractor at Golden Nugget, entered the casino through Security Post 103. The security officer on duty at the post at which the minor entered the casino failed to stop and properly identify him to ensure that he was not under the age of twenty-one (21). While inside the casino, the 20-year-old ordered an unidentified beverage and talked to co-workers. He also played slot machines and cashed out a ticket. A written warning was issued for this violation.

2. On January 18, 2015, a 19-year-old male entered the casino through Security Post 104. The 19-year-old handed his identification card ("ID") to the security officers on duty at the post. The security officers failed to scan the ID and properly identify him to ensure that he was not under the age of twenty-one (21). While inside the casino, the 19-year-old consumed two alcoholic beverages and gamed at slot machines.

3. On May 3, 2015, a 20-year-old male gained access to the casino twice by jumping over the railing. The 20-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area, loitering, and gaming. He then joined another male and a female and walked out of Post 104. Later that day, he jumped over the same railing as before, in an attempt to gain access a second time. A security officer immediately apprehended him and escorted him to the Security Shift Office where he was arrested.

4. On May 17, 2015, 19-year-old female and a 20-year-old female gained access to the casino and possibly consumed alcoholic beverages. On said date, security was responded to a disturbance in a hotel room when the officer approached the 19-year-old-female. During the course of the conversation, the 19-year-old informed the security officer that she was 19 years old and that she had been on the casino floor earlier that

day. She also stated that two other females had been with her and that one of those females was also underage. Surveillance footage revealed the 19-year-old and a 20-year-old female presented fraudulent identification cards to a security officer before entering the casino with another female. The 20-year-old purchased two clear drinks. She gave the third female one of the drinks and kept the other drink for herself. The 19-year-old drank from the 20-year-old's drink. It is not known whether the drinks were alcoholic. The 19-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area and loitering. The 20-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area, loitering, and gaming. The three females exited the casino and walked to the first floor lofts. The 19-year-old was arrested for public intoxication, fraudulent identification, and accessing the casino floor as a minor. The 20-year-old was given a citation and allowed to leave the property on her own. A written warning was issued for this violation.

5 On the evening of May 31, 2015, casino security reported a female who had entered the casino and refused to provide identification when requested to do so. The female, later determined to be 19 years old, was observed on a cell phone approaching a Security ID post. The security officer appeared to speak to the 19-year-old before and after she walked through the post. The 19-year-old proceeded to the casino floor and met with a male patron. The two approached the Rush Bar and the male purchased two drinks and handed one to the 19-year-old. It is not known whether the drinks were alcoholic. The 19-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area and loitering. A security officer approached the couple and had a brief conversation with them. The 19-year-old was never observed giving an ID to the officers. She exited the casino floor and proceeded to the 10th floor of the hotel. On the morning of June 1, 2015, the 19-year-old

was arrested and escorted from the property. A written warning was issued for this violation.

6. On July 3, 2015, a 20-year-old male entered the casino at a security post, and presented an identification card belonging to another person to the officer. The officer scanned the card, and the 20-year-old was granted access to the casino gaming floor. The 20-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area, loitering, gaming, and appeared to pay for a beverage.

7. On July 5, 2015, a 20-year old entered the security post with family members without any questioning from the security officer on duty. The 20-year-old was observed entering the designated gaming area, loitering, gaming, and being served multiple beers.

8. During the period of January 15, 2015 through July 5, 2015, eight minors were allowed to gain access to the gaming floor in violation of gaming law.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In lieu of Administrative Action of its Gaming License, Golden Nugget will pay a civil penalty of SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$60,000) DOLLARS.

2. The Division hereby agrees to accept Golden Nugget's payment of the above stated civil penalty in full and final settlement of the Notice of Violation, Written Warning, and Penalty.

3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration these admitted violations in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Golden Nugget's suitability.

4. The Golden Nugget has installed glass walls to act as barriers to impede unauthorized entry over some railings.

5. The Golden Nugget has instituted a "Zero Tolerance for Minors" policy and enhanced procedures and personnel training on underage identification.

6. The Golden Nugget will conduct further training in the identification of minors.

7. The Golden Nugget has or will create ongoing training programs for new hires and current employees that meet defined goals for compliance attainment.

8. The Golden Nugget will conduct periodic internal "sting" operations to test the compliance efficiency of its staff in regard to the identification of underage gaming, and will implement recommendations concerning improvement in areas found to be deficient.

9. The Golden Nugget has or will establish more formal dates and times for submission of quarterly report to representatives of Louisiana State Police, beginning with the effective date of this agreement through March 2018, of compliance initiatives, deficiencies and enhancement relative to #6, #7, and #8.

10. The Golden Nugget has or will establish a budget specifically to accomplish #5-9 above, and the training program previously initiated has or will be enhanced.

11. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

12. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Golden Nugget, pertaining to the subject matter

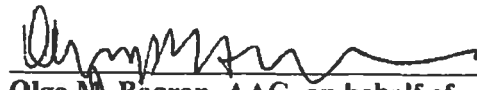
contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

13. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the 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. Failure to pay the penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, and to comply with each term and condition listed herein, shall result in the immediate suspension of Golden Nugget's license without the necessity of further administrative action, until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

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



Gerald J. Del Prete, on behalf of Golden Nugget Lake Charles, L.L.C.



**Olga M. Bogran, AAG, on behalf of
State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety &
Corrections, Office of State Police**

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of March, 2016, 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**; that Golden Nugget must pay Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 8th day of March, 2016, in

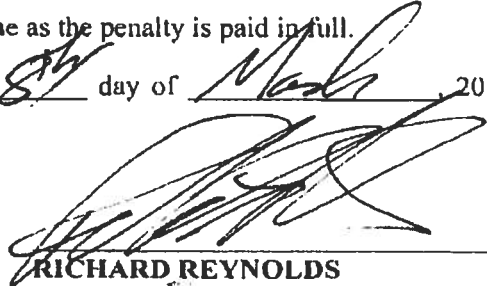
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OF Mandy Matthews
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DOCKET CLERK, ADMIN. HEARING OFFICE

cc: Alfred de Prete
Olga Bogdan
Prof. Ronald Sebley


RICHARD REYNOLDS
HEARING OFFICER

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