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CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES, LLC
D/B/A GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES
NO. R016502995**

ORDER

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of March 18, 2024. The Hearing Officer's order dated February 21, 2024, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action", by and between Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles No. R016502995, 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 *18th* day of *March, 2024*.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON
ALL PARTIES THIS 18th DAY

OF March, 2024. BY: [Signature]
APPEAL DOCKET CLERK

[Signature]
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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**IN RE: GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES, LLC
d/b/a GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES**

**CASE NO.: R016502995
SAR:22-2-43-139-1898**

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Golden Nugget Lake Charges, LLC (hereinafter, "Licensee"), 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 Licensee 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.

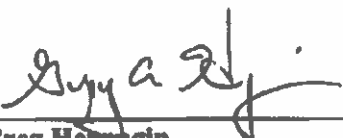
2.

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 Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division has sent a Notice of Violation and Penalty to the Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by said Notice were set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office on January 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, both parties agreed to continue without date on the Licensee's request for a Continuance at the held administrative hearing; and

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

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

STIPULATIONS

1. The Licensee holds a Riverboat Gaming License and is located at 2550 Golden Nugget Blvd, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601.

2. On May 19, 2022 and June 6, 2022, the Licensee notified the Division of multiple thefts on property that were carried out by gaming employees.

3. A Significant Action Report ("SAR"), SAR# 22-2-43-139-1898, was issued to the Licensee for multiple violations discovered throughout the Division's investigation into the thefts.

3. After a thorough review and investigation into the thefts, the Division discovered the following violations:

- i. Multiple cage employees wearing pants with unsewn pockets while in the cage area;
- ii. Licensee was not properly tracking retail/food and beverage variances;
- iii. Licensee failing to retain gaming paperwork for the requisite five (5) year period;
- iv. The surveillance department was allowing employees access to the review room who did not have access to the room according to the Licensee's Internal Controls; and
- v. Inadequate surveillance camera coverage in the Main Cage Office and in the cage area where cassette fill process occurred.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In lieu of administrative action or other regulatory action against its Gaming License, Licensee agrees to pay a civil penalty of **THIRTY THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS** for its violations of Gaming law.

2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of **THIRTY THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS** shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Violation and Penalty.

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

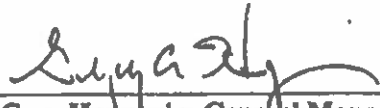
4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

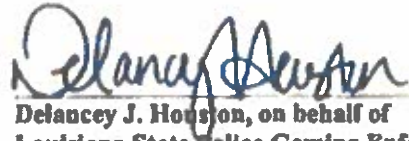
6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana 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.

7. If approved, Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

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



**Greg Hednagin, General Manager of
Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC**



**Delancey J. Houston, on behalf of
Louisiana State Police Gaming Enforcement
Division**

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ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 21 day of February, 2024, came 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 or representing themselves, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and 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 Lake Charles, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charges must pay **THIRTY THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) 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 21st day of February, 2024, in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana.
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 21 DAY OF February, 2024

Cheryl Batisse

DOCKET CLERK, ADMIN. HEARING OFFICE

cc. Golden Nugget Lake Charles, LLC
d/b/a Golden Nugget Lake Charles
Delancey Houston
Sat. Ruben Brown

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HEARING OFFICER

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