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ASSOCIATION OF GAMING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (AGEM) ANNOUNCES \$100,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ASSIST PROBLEM GAMBLERS

LAS VEGAS – The Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved \$50,000 in contributions to the National Council on Problem Gaming (NCPG) based in Washington, D.C. and \$50,000 for The International Problem Gaming Center in Las Vegas.

The contributions build on AGEM's long-standing support of organizations dedicated to the issue of problem gambling.

Founded in 1972, the National Council on Problem Gambling is the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families. The mission of the NCPG is to increase public awareness of pathological gambling, ensure the widespread availability of treatment for problem gamblers and their families, and to encourage research and programs for prevention and education.

The NCPG, the largest and oldest problem gambling advocacy organization in North America was conceived as the national representative of the problem gambling field and is organized with 3 classes of members: state affiliate, corporate and individual. The NCPG concentrates efforts on the national level, while the state affiliates work at the state and local level. Through this organization AGEM provides funding for the National Problem Gambling Helpline, the Annual National Conference on Problem Gambling and support of 35 state affiliates.

The International Problem Gambling Center (PGC) has more than 20 years of experience in the treatment and research of problem gambling. PGC's staff members have helped design the national certification program for problem gambling treatment professionals, as well as lecture and train worldwide. Headed by founder and Clinical Director Dr. Rob Hunter, the PGC is devoted to helping problem gamblers regardless of their financial situation and has vowed from day one never to turn anyone away because of a lack of funds.

AGEM is an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of electronic gaming devices, systems, table games, key components and support products and services for the gaming industry. AGEM works to further the interests of gaming equipment suppliers throughout the world. Through political action, trade show partnerships, information dissemination and good corporate citizenship, the members of AGEM work together to create benefits for every company within the organization. Together, AGEM has assisted regulatory commissions and participated in the legislative process to solve problems and create a business environment where AGEM members can prosper while providing a strong level of support to education and responsible gaming initiatives. For more information, visit www.AGEM.org.

The current AGEM membership roster, 79 strong, is a who's who of the supplier segment of the global gaming industry: **AGEM Gold Members:** Aristocrat Technologies, Aruze Gaming America, Austrian Gaming Industries, Bally Technologies, GTECH/Atronic/Spiel, International Game Technology (IGT), Konami Gaming and WMS Gaming. **AGEM Silver Members:** AC Coin & Slot, Action Gaming, Casino Technology, Interblock USA, JCM Global, MEI, Multimedia Games, Octavian International, Shuffle Master, Suzo-Happ Group, TCSJohnHuxley and Wells-Gardner Electronics. **AGEM Bronze Members:** Ainsworth Game Technology, Astro Corp., Cadillac Jack, Cammegh Limited, CashCode / Crane Payment Solutions, Diamond Game, Digital Display Group, Euro Games Technology (EGT), GameTech International, Gaming Support, Incredible Technologies, Jumbo Technology, KGM Gaming, Las Vegas Gaming Inc. (LVGI), MCA Processing, Modern Gaming, Rocket Gaming Systems and Summit Gaming. **AGEM Associate Members:** CMYK Creative, Cole Industries, Cybertec Gaming Systems, DynaGraphic Printing, Elite Casino Products, Esterline Advanced Input Systems, FutureLogic, Gaming Partners International, Gary Platt Manufacturing, Global Cash Access, Global Gaming Group (G3), Grand Products, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Howard & Howard, IDX, Intel, IPS, James Industries, Kreller Group, KSK, Lewis & Roca, Masterpiece Advertising, MC², Mikohn Signs and Graphics, Money Controls, Nanoptix, Paokai Electronic Enterprise Co., Proforma GPS, Regulatory Management Counselors, Sanmina-SCL, Strategy9, Tgraphics/Outpost Productions, The Bright Group, 3M Touch Systems, Tournament One, TMX, Trade Show Fabrications, TransAct Technologies, Veridocs, Wrex Products and Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO).

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