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# TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission Gordon Medenica, Director

- FROM: Leo Mamorsky, Managing Director, Chief Marketing Officer
- DIVISIONS: Product Development and Creative Services

DATE: February 19, 2019

#### SUBJECT: Report for the February 2019 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing and special projects in Product Development and Creative Services.

#### 1. Product Development

#### a) Instant Ticket Products and Promotions

- i. <u>Key accomplishments last period:</u>
  - 1. January Instant Ticket Launch (1/21/19):
    - a. \$1 \$3,000,000 Cash Payout!
    - b. \$2 \$4,000,000 Cash Payout!
    - c. \$5 \$15,000,000 Cash Payout!
    - d. \$10 \$20,000,000 Cash Payout!
  - 2. Game Closing Activity:

Game	Price	Game Name	Total Sales	Prize Expense	Gross Margin	Final Claim Date
310	\$2	Big Money Spectacular	\$5,104,252	\$3,250,858	\$1,853,394	1/7/2019
318	\$5	Power 5s	\$17,910,650	\$12,876,714	\$5,033,936	1/7/2019
348	\$10	Winter Ice Multiplier	\$15,933,570	\$11,913,580	\$4,019,990	1/7/2019

- 3. Cash Payout second-chance contest: The Cash Payout family of games and second-chance contest successfully launched on 1/21/19. During the promotional period, players will have a second-chance to win cash with non-winning Cash Payout Family of Games tickets: \$1 ticket = 1 entry; \$2 ticket = 2 entries; \$5 ticket = 5 entries; \$10 ticket = 10 entries. Four drawings, each offering 10 chances to win a prize of \$2,500. Entries are cumulative; players may only win once per drawing. The first drawing was held 2/18/19, 449,153 tickets were entered.
- 4. *Ravens* second-chance contest: The winner of the *Seats for Life* grand prize winner was selected from the six finalists, and awarded at a special event at Lottery headquarters on 2/8/19.

## ii. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:

- 1. February Instant Ticket Launch (2/25/19):
  - a. \$2 Moneybag Multiplier
  - b. \$3 Bonus Crossword
  - c. \$5 Home Run Riches

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- d. \$5 Winning Streak
- e. \$10 *\$250,000 Rich*
- f. \$30 *\$2,000,000 Richer*
- 2. *Cash Payout* second-chance contest: The second drawing will be held 3/12/19.
- 3. *Home Run Riches*: For the fourth consecutive year, *Home Run Riches*, a \$5 baseball themed instant ticket will be paired with our Oriole's Sponsorship and second-chance contest. This popular promotion offers players the opportunity to be selected as "Contestant of the Game", who wins \$500 for being selected and \$500 for every home run hit in that game by an Oriole player. Six drawings are planned, with the first drawing on 3/26/19.

### 2. Creative Services

a) Traditional Advertising

### i. <u>Key accomplishments</u>:

- 1. *Cash Payout Family of Games*: Completed production of the *Cash Payout* TV and radio spots, digital and out-of-home units. Media began running on 1/28 continuing until 3/17.
- 2. *Rich and Richer:* Finalized the *\$250,000 Rich* and *\$2,000,000 Richer* media plan with activity beginning 3/4 ending 3/31. Approved all digital and out-of-home creative and produced two radio spots.
- Home Run Riches: Approved the media plan for the launch of the Home Run Riches scratch-off. The plan will run for 4-weeks (4/1 – 4/28) and includes TV, cable, connected TV, radio, digital, out-of-home, and social elements. Selected the creative campaign for Home Run Riches.
- 4. *Loteria*: Approved the media plan for the *Loteria* scratch-off. The media will run for 6-weeks (4/1 5/12) and includes WLZL-FM, a Hispanic radio station serving the Baltimore and DC markets, streaming radio, digital, social and Hispanic newspapers.
- 5. *I Love Lucy*: Held a kickoff meeting to discuss the *I Love Lucy* scratch-off communications effort. Currently working with the licensor to identify what assets are available for creative use.
- 6. *The Price Is Right*: Approved *The Price Is Right* TV and radio creative campaigns for this game's launch. Also, approved the campaign direction for digital and out-of-home units.
- 7. *Orioles and MASN*: Finalized contracts for both the *Orioles* and *MASN* 2019 season sponsorships.
- 8. *Minor League Baseball:* Reached 2019 sponsorship agreements with the *Aberdeen Ironbirds*, the *Bowie Baysox*, the *Delmarva Shorebirds*, the *Frederick Keys*, and the *Southern Maryland Blue Crabs*.
- 9. *Powerball Jackpot:* Began running radio and digital bulletins on Fri, 2/15 to support the growing *Powerball* jackpot.

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## ii. <u>Upcoming tasks</u>:

- 1. *Home Run Riches*: Advertising campaigns presented with approval given for the production of the selected campaign. Media agency will move forward with purchasing all media buys.
- 2. *Loteria*: Work with GKV to develop creative for the *Loteria* campaign and finalize the details of the radio promotion on WLZL-FM.
- 3. *I Love Lucy*: Work with both agencies to develop *I Love Lucy* campaign elements.
- 4. *The Price Is Right*: Media Works will provide a media plan to begin late April/early May. Continue to work with GKV to update and finalize creative elements.
- 5. *Minor League Baseball*: Work with each of the five minor league baseball teams to finalize creative assets and select the on-site dates.
- 6. *Orioles and MASN* 2019 Sponsorships: Finalize all creative assets for the *Orioles and MASN* sponsorships.
- 7. FY'19 Planning: Begin planning for three upcoming initiatives; *Gold Rush Family of Games, Skee-Ball and Ravens.*

## **b)** My Lottery Rewards

## i. <u>Key accomplishments:</u>

1. Four second chance promotions and six points-for-drawings promotions were implemented or maintained during the month.

# ii. <u>Upcoming tasks:</u>

- 1. Work with SGI and GKV to develop a more robust CRM program.
- 2. Work with internal groups to develop an implementation plan for product coupons as NextGen rewards.

# c) Web, Digital and Social

# i. <u>Key accomplishments:</u>

- 1. Responded to player questions and feedback on the redesigned mdlottery.com
- 2. Promoted the *Cash Payout* family of scratch-offs and second-chance contest, and various winners' stories via social media and web assets.
- 3. Featured our *Ravens* Season Tickets for 20 Years winner in Facebook Live and Instagram Live videos.

# ii. <u>Upcoming tasks:</u>

- 1. Execute social and digital plans for the *Rich and Richer* scratch-offs.
- 2. Create social and digital plans for the *Home Run Riches* scratch-off and Contestant of the Game second-chance contest, *Loteria* scratch-off and *I Love Lucy* scratch-off and second-chance contest.
- 3. Build a library of evergreen graphics, animations and other resources for <u>mdlottery.com</u>.

# d) Research

- 1. Received Ipsos report for Wave 7 of the Lottery's Attitude and Usage Tracking study. Presentation to Lottery management held on February 14.
- 2. Developed short survey sent to MLR Club members about potential new scratch-off game concept.