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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: October 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Report for the October 2020 Commission Meeting

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

1. Product Development

a) Scratch-Off Products and Promotions

i. Key accomplishments last period:

- 1. October Scratch-Off Launch (10/19/20):
 - a. \$1 Holiday Luck
 - b. \$2 Holiday Luck X2
 - c. \$3 Peppermint Payout X3
 - d. \$5 Holiday Luck X5
 - e. \$10 Holiday Luck X10
- 2. *Raven's Second-Chance Contest*: The second drawing was held 9/23/20; 696,926 entries were received.

ii. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- 1. November Scratch-Off Launch (11/16/20):
 - a. \$2 *Ruby 6s*
 - b. \$5 *Fantasy 5s*
 - c. \$10 *Terrific 10s*
 - d. \$20 100X The Cash (Part of X The Cash family of games launching Jan '21)
- 2. *James Bond 007[™] Second-Chance Contest:* The fourth drawing was to be held 10/13/20; as of 10/11/20; 171,387 entries were received.
- 3. *Raven's Second-Chance Contest*: The third drawing is to be held 10/27/20; as of 10/11/20; 419,302 entries were received.

b) Draw and Monitor Game Products and Promotions

i. Key accomplishments:

- 1. *Racetrax \$6 for \$5:* From 8/31/20 10/11/20 (6 weeks) any player that made a \$6 Racetrax purchase received a \$1 discount.
- Multi-Match: Bonus Buy Promotion: From 9/14/20 10/11/20 (4 weeks) players received a free \$2 quick pick Multi-Match ticket when they purchased \$10 or more of Multi-Match on a single ticket.

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ii. Upcoming tasks:

- 1. *ThanksWINNING All Games Promotion:* From 11/2/20 12/6/20 (5 weeks) Players could see three different awards when purchasing any terminal game (including Fast Play). On an Nth ticket basis, players could receive:
 - \$1 Instant win voucher
 - \$2 Instant win voucher
 - A free \$1 Snow Me the Money Fast Play ticket
- 2. *Racetrax \$6 for \$5 Breeder's Cup:* From 11/4/20 11/7/20 (4 days) any player that makes a \$6 Racetrax purchase will receive a \$1 discount. The maximum discount received will be \$5 off any ticket valued at \$30 or more.

c) Fast Play Products and Promotions

i. Upcoming tasks:

- 1. November Fast Play Launch (11/2/20)
 - a. \$1 Snow Me the Money
 - b. \$5 Jack Frost Jackpot
 - c. \$10 Cold Hard Cash (progressive)

2. Creative Services

a) Traditional Advertising

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

- 1. *\$10,000 Extreme Green* and *\$100,000 Extreme Cash* Scratch-Offs: Completed the development and production of all *Extreme* campaign materials. The media began running on 10/5 and will continue through 11/22, with a hiatus from 10/26 11/8.
- 2. *Holiday*: Selected a television campaign for the *Holiday* 2020 season and moving forward with production. We are also working with GKV to develop other creative materials (i.e., out-of-home, radio, digital, and social) and 9Rooftops to develop the *Holiday* media plan.
- 3. *FAST PLAY November Launch*: Working with GKV and 9Rooftops to develop a small digital and social campaign to support the *FAST PLAY* holiday games launching on 11/2.
- 4. *Sports Sponsorships University of Maryland*: The *University of Maryland* will begin their football season on 10/24. We are working with 9Rooftops and *UMD* to finalize a sponsorship for the abbreviated season.
- 5. *FY'21 Planning*: We are developing advertising plans for the January through June time period and identifying products and promotions that will receive paid advertising support.

ii. Upcoming tasks:

1. *Holiday Scratch-Offs*: Continue to work with GKV to develop and produce all creative materials for the *Holiday scratch-off* advertising campaign. We will also work with 9Rooftops to finalize the media plan that is slated to begin on Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas Eve.

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- 2. *FAST PLAY November Launch*: Continue working with our agencies to finalize the media plan and creative materials to support the launch of the *FAST PLAY* holiday games.
- 3. *January Multiplier FOG* Begin developing advertising plans to support the late-January launch of the 2021 *Multiplier FOG*.

b) My Lottery Rewards

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

- 1. 38,299 players engaged with My Lottery Rewards during September 2020; down 5% vs. August 2020.
- 2. The popular *\$* scratch-off had the most MLR ticket entries and unique enterers in September.
- 3. Over 45 million points were awarded to MLR members in September; down 11% vs. August 2020.
- 4. 41,026 coupon rewards were issued in September; 69% of these coupons were redeemed by players.
- 5. Implemented and/or maintained two second chance promotions and nine points-for-drawings promotions in September.

ii. <u>Upcoming Tasks:</u>

- 1. Work with SGI to implement push notifications and additional emails in line with our CRM strategy.
- 2. Maintain player communication for Prize Point conversion to Draw Points.

c) Web, Digital and Social

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

- 1. Promoted *Extreme* scratch-offs, *\$* scratch-offs, *Ravens* scratch-offs and second-chance promotion, new *FAST PLAY* tickets, *Multi-Match Bonus* promotion and the Census deadline through our social media and website assets.
- 2. Continuing to work on plans for hosting virtual events via Facebook Live.

ii. <u>Upcoming Tasks</u>

- 1. Execute social and digital plans for the *Holiday* scratch-offs and second-chance contest.
- 2. Work on enhancing the website to further improve the player experience.

d) Research

1. Moving forward with online focus groups for Fast Play in early November.