

*Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission*

**STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 22, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM:** **Proposed Merger Agreement – Gaming Partners International Corporation and GemGroup, Inc.**

**PRESENTER:** Philip Metz, Licensing Manager

**ISSUE SUMMARY:** In March 2014, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (MLGCA) received official notification of the proposed Merger Agreement between Gaming Partners International Corporation (GPIC) and GemGroup, Inc. GPIC is a principal entity (owner) of licensed manufacturer Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. (GPI USA). GemGroup, Inc. is principal entity (owner) of licensed manufacturer Gemaco, Inc.

**Conclusion**

Based on MLGCA Staff's investigation of this proposed merger, Staff has determined that the proposed merger, and its transfer of GemGroup, Inc. and Gemaco, Inc.'s interests, meets and is consistent with the Gaming Law. Therefore, Staff recommends Commission approval of the proposed merger.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED:** Commission approval upon review and discussion.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval