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Spirit of Cooperation Evident in Caruthersville

Caruthersville, Tuesday, November 6, 2006 - Officials with the Missouri Gaming Commission, Casino Aztar management, Caruthersville's Mayor and other government officials met today to discuss actions taken by the MGC to ensure riverboat gaming operations would continue.

Executive Director Gene McNary says "the Missouri Gaming Commission, Governor Blunt's office, Caruthersville's Mayor Diane Sayre, State Senator-(R) Robert Mayer, State Representative-(D) Terry Swinger, and a host of other local officials are in agreement that Casino Aztar plays a vital role to Caruthersville and surrounding Pemiscot County. McNary adds "this riverboat employs 286 people in a county that has one of the highest unemployment rates in Missouri. Casino Aztar also contributes over 6 million dollars in fees and taxes to the state. We are working together to ensure operations continue while a suitable buyer is found for the property."

The Missouri Gaming Commission approved an agreement to appoint a Supervisor to oversee operations of the riverboat casino. The action was necessary after a new owner for Casino Aztar could not be licensed before a November 19th deadline. Subsequently, the applicant, Fortunes Entertainment LLC, withdrew from the licensing process.

Clarence Greeno, a Gaming Enforcement Manager for the MGC has been chosen to oversee operations at Casino Aztar. Greeno, a 30 year Missouri Highway Patrol veteran, has been with the Gaming Commission for seven years. His primary responsibilities include oversight and approval of electronic gaming devices, and overseeing financial investigations.

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