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Ainsworth Game Technology – Missouri

Ainsworth Game Technology Limited (AGT) today announced that the Missouri Gaming Commission (“MGC”) has issued a preliminary order of denial, subject to AGT’s rights of appeal and judicial process. AGT will lodge an appeal in order to have this initial decision heard by an independent Hearing Officer. This appeal process provides AGT with the right to have the initial assessment by the MGC investigative staff reviewed to evaluate the assessment of the MGC’s initial determination.

AGT has held a Temporary Supplier License in Missouri since 2008. The decision by the MGC to deny AGT a Permanent Supplier License in Missouri runs contrary to the determinations made by the licensing authorities of numerous other key markets in the United States and Canada. Specifically, AGT is and has been licensed in good standing in jurisdictions such as Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and is registered as well in the provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Presented with the same information and history available to the MGC, all of these other jurisdictions have granted and maintained AGT’s licensure and registration under their respective regulatory regimes.

The contrary decision by the MGC to deny a Permanent Supplier License in Missouri was based upon opinions expressed by investigative personnel in isolation, without the benefit of personal contact or detailed explanation, as is standard practice in all other jurisdictions where gaming licenses are issued. AGT will therefore vigorously appeal the initial determination from Missouri.

There are currently 12 riverboat casinos operating in the State of Missouri and the State’s gaming machine market represents approximately 2.3% of the US market. The action of the MGC is not expected to have a significant impact on the AGT Group continuing to supply and service gaming machines in Australia and other jurisdictions.

Should any regulatory authority act to revoke any gaming license held by AGT as a result of the notice of denial issued by the MGC, such action will be contested to the full extent of the applicable law.

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