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## PERU WILL BE THE FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY TO REGULATE SERVER-BASED GAMING

by Carlos A. Fonseca Sarmiento (Varela & Fonseca Abogados)

In the month of May 2012 the gaming authority in Peru has published on its web page the project to allow the functioning of server-based gaming for slot machines. You may find the project in Spanish at [http://www.mincetur.gob.pe/turismo/DGJCMT/pdfs/Directiva\\_cliente\\_ser.pdf](http://www.mincetur.gob.pe/turismo/DGJCMT/pdfs/Directiva_cliente_ser.pdf).

One of the novelties is that it will allow that the server can be located anywhere in the world. But if the server is not located in the casino, the owner of the casino must have in the location a remote access terminal that allows viewing the information of the authorized gaming programs. Among the information that is requested is the commercial name of the game program, name of the manufacturer, identification code, and detail of the downloads and updates made. When the server is located out of the country, it must be proven to be in compliance with the international standard TIA-942 in level Tier III.

Like traditional slot machines, the slot machine models with server-based gaming technology must be previously evaluated by an authorized laboratory so its functioning can be authorized in the Peruvian territory.

## DETROIT CASINOS' APRIL AGGREGATE REVENUES SLIGHTLY DECREASE COMPARED SAME MONTH LAST YEAR: MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES APRIL 2012 REVENUE DATA

by Ryan M. Shannon

The Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") released the revenue and wagering tax data for April 2012 for the three Detroit, Michigan, commercial casinos. The three Detroit commercial casinos posted a collective 1.59% decrease in gaming revenues compared to the same month in 2011. Aggregate gross gaming revenue for the Detroit commercial casinos also decreased by approximately 8.85% in April compared to March 2012 revenue figures, continuing a trend of similar decline from March to April in prior years.

MGM Grand Detroit posted slightly decreased gaming revenue results for April 2012 as compared to the same month in 2011, with gaming revenue decreasing by less than 0.1%. MGM Grand Detroit continued

to maintain the largest market share among the three Detroit commercial casinos and had total gaming revenue in April 2012 of over \$52.1 million. MotorCity Casino had monthly gaming revenue exceeding \$39.3 million and posted a 5.2% decrease in revenues in April 2012 compared to April 2011. Greektown, however, had gaming revenue of nearly \$31.9 million, improving on its April 2011 revenues by nearly 1%.

The revenue data released by the MGCB also includes the total wagering tax payments made by the casinos to the State of Michigan. The gaming revenue and wagering tax payments for MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity Casino, and Greektown Casino for April 2012 were:

Casino	Gaming Revenue	State Wagering Tax Payments
MGM Grand Detroit	\$52,125,745.86	\$4,222,185.41
MotorCity Casino	\$39,350,932.55	\$3,187,425.54
Greektown Casino	\$31,868,439.41	\$2,581,343.59
Totals	\$123,345,117.82	\$9,990,954.54

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