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LETTER ORDER
REVOKING VENDOR REGISTRATION

Via certified mail, return receipt requested

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New York, NY 10001

RE: Prohibition of business transactions between New Jersey casino applicants or licensees, their employees or agents and Almar Sales Company (Vendor No. 84605)

ORDER NO. 00793

Dear Mr. Bachenheim:

Almar Sales Company filed a vendor registration form (VRF) on October 19, 2011, however it has failed to cooperate with the Division of Gaming Enforcement's (Division) attempts to conduct its investigation of that filing. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-76, the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division) commenced an investigation of Almar Sales Company and its individual qualifiers.

The investigation by the Division disclosed three unpaid parking tickets with an outstanding warrant issued to Allen Ashkenazie, 10% owner of Almar Sales Company. Two of these tickets were subsequently paid. However, the third ticket, D 030480 dated August 14, 2002 in the amount of $193, remains outstanding and a warrant was issued for Mr. Ashkenazie's arrest on September 30, 2002 for failure to appear in court.

N.J.S.A. 5:12-86i, incorporated by reference into N.J.S.A. 5:12-92d, requires the disqualification of a vendor registrant for failure to repay any debts to the State of New Jersey unless that vendor provides proof to the Division's satisfaction of the payment of, or the arrangement to pay, such debts.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80b and N.J.S.A. 5:12-80d, the Division has made several attempts by certified mail as well as telephone contact to obtain information about Mr. Ashkenazie resolving these debts to the State of New Jersey. On April 15, 2013, the Division spoke with Mr. Ashkenazie regarding his then three unpaid traffic tickets. He confirmed that the tickets were his and he was advised that in order to conduct business with Atlantic City casinos, vendors cannot have outstanding debts owed to the State of New Jersey. On the same day, an email was sent to Mr. Ashkenazie with information on how to satisfy the tickets. Mr. Ashkenazie responded that same day and notified the Division that he satisfied two of the tickets and advised that he would take care of the remaining ticket. On April 23, 2013, the Division sent Mr. Ashkenazie an email asking for an update on the status of the remaining outstanding ticket. On April 26, 2013, the Division successfully sent a certified letter to Mr. Ashkenazie. This letter again requested a status as to the outstanding ticket and advised him that he had ten business days to provide the information to the Division.

Additionally, Almar Sales Company has been financially inactive with Atlantic City casinos for the twelve month period ending in February 2013. The last reported financial activity occurred in December 2011 in the amount of $1,860.

As a result of the above described failure to cooperate and provide the Division with the requested information as well as satisfy outstanding debts to the State of New Jersey, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Almar Sales Company and Allen Ashkenazie are disqualified from vendor registration pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-80b, N.J.S.A. 5:12-80d, N.J.S.A. 5:12-86b, and N.J.S.A. 5:12-86i. Therefore, it is further ordered, as of this date, that the vendor registration of Almar Sales Company is **REVOKED** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-92d, N.J.S.A. 5:12-92h(1) and N.J.S.A. 5:12-94f.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that Almar Sales Company and Allen Ashkenazie are prohibited from conducting any direct or indirect business with any casino applicant or licensee (hereafter, casino) or any person acting on behalf of a casino.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino is prohibited from conducting direct or indirect business with Almar Sales Company and Allen Ashkenazie.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-104b and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-10.1(c)1, that any existing agreements, whether written or unwritten, between Almar Sales Company and Allen Ashkenazie and any casino or person acting on behalf of a casino will be immediately terminated.

Finally, it is **ORDERED**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69A-8.8(a), that Almar Sales Company and Allen Ashkenazie are prohibited from reapplying for or obtaining any other license, registration, qualification or approval required under the Casino Control Act until five years has elapsed from the date of this letter order.

Dated: June 5, 2013

David Rebuck
Director