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## **INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION**

**國際娛樂有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 01009)**

### **BUSINESS UPDATE**

#### **COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF CASINO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

This announcement is made by International Entertainment Corporation (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) on voluntary basis to keep the shareholders of the Company and potential investors informed on the latest business update of the Group.

Reference is made to the inside information announcement (the “**Announcement**”) of the Company dated 27 September 2023 in relation to the grant of the Provisional License to operate Casino in the Philippines. Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

#### **Commencement of operation of the Casino**

The Board is pleased to announce that on 9 May 2024, the Group has commenced its limited operation in the Casino, the Group will officially takeover the entire casino operation with effect from 11 May 2024 and will be the operator of the Casino under the Provisional License.

#### **Internal Controls on Anti-Money Laundering**

In relation to the Casino operations, the Group has established internal control procedures and measures to govern the Authorised Gambling Activities in the Casino. In particular, the Group has developed and put in place a money laundering and terrorist financing preventive program (the “**MLPP**”) which covers various measures and policies designed to detect and prevent money laundering activities in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The MLPP is implemented under the following principles:

- (i) Conform with high ethical standards and observe good corporate governance consistent with the guidelines issued by the PAGCOR in order to protect the integrity of their operations and that of the gaming industry;
- (ii) Know sufficiently of the customer to prevent suspicious individuals or entities from transacting with, or establishing or maintaining relationship with casinos;

- (iii) Adopt and effectively implement an appropriate anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism risk management system that identifies, assesses, monitors, and controls risks associated with money laundering and terrorist financing;
- (iv) Ensure that officers and employees are aware of their respective responsibilities under this policy and carry them out in accordance with the MLPP; and
- (v) Cooperate with the AMLC and PAGCOR for the effective implementation of the AMLA and this CIRR, and other applicable issuances.

In addition, an anti-money laundering committee, comprising of at least three (3) members, has been constituted for the following purposes:

- (i) To design and formulate a comprehensive and risk-based MLPP that conforms to the law and regulation on anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing of AMLC and PAGCOR;
- (ii) To oversee the implementation of the MLPP and ensure that the casino and its employees shall not be used as a vehicle to legitimize, intentionally or unintentionally, proceeds of money laundering or terrorist financing;
- (iii) To report to the Board regarding the casino's compliance status; and
- (iv) To assess and approve non-standard and suspicious transactions presented by the operations group, audit group or other review groups or any other money laundering or terrorist financing related matters that require Board approval, prior acceptance and processing.

The Company has engaged an internal control consultant (the “**IC Consultant**”) to review and advise on the internal control policies and procedures for the management and operation of the Authorised Gambling Activities in the Casino, including, the review on areas of anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing processes over the Casino's operation. The Company has received the internal control review conducted by the IC Consultant. After reviewing the proposed internal control procedures of the Casino, the IC Consultant is of the view that nothing has come to their attention that cause them to believe that, in all material respect, the policies and procedures are not suitably designed to achieve the internal control objectives of the Casino based on the criteria set out in their report. Based on the conclusion of the internal control review and the discussion with the IC Consultant, the management of the Company considered that when the Casino commences operation, it will adopt and implement the currently designed internal control procedures which has been reviewed by the IC Consultant. As such, the Casino will have adequate and effective policies and procedures for implementation of its internal control measures with respect to the operation of Authorised Gambling Activities and anti-money laundering procedures.

## **AMENDMENTS OF THE MINIMUM GUARANTEED SHARE (“MGS”) FOR THE FIRST MONTH CASINO OPERATION**

As disclosed in the Announcement, under the Provisional License Agreement, from the date of commencement of the casino operations, the Company is required to pay monthly MGS to PAGCOR. In light of the Licensee’s operation of Casino which commenced on 9 May 2024, the Licensee is allowed by PAGCOR to avail of a pro-rated monthly MGS of Php60,000,000 for the month of May 2024, unless the computed License Fees will be higher than the MGS. As at the date of this announcement, save for the above adjustment, the other provisions relating to monthly MGS shall remain unchanged.

By order of the Board  
**International Entertainment Corporation**  
**Ho Wong Meng**  
*Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 9 May 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely Mr. Ho Wong Meng and Mr. Aurelio Jr. Dizon Tablante, and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lau Ka Ho, Mr. Cheng Hong Wai and Mr. Leung Wai Tai.*