



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

Press Release

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GAMING BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED EMERALD PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND SALE

The Illinois Gaming Board is seeking public comment regarding Emerald Casino Inc.'s proposed plan of reorganization and sale which was filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago on November 13, 2003.

Persons interested in commenting publicly on the proposed plan should contact the Gaming Board in writing no later than the close of business on Monday, December 8, 2003. Only those requests to address the Board on the subject of Emerald Casino Inc.'s proposed plan of reorganization and sale will be considered. The requests to address the Board should be faxed to 312-814-4602. Those persons who are granted permission to address the Board will be invited to do so at the Board's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Persons addressing the Board will be given approximately five minutes to offer their comments.

The Board will also accept written commentary on the proposed plan of reorganization and sale. Written comments should be submitted to the Board at its Chicago office no later than the close of business Monday, December 8, 2003. All correspondence should be addressed to:

Illinois Gaming Board
160 N. LaSalle Suite 300-S,
Chicago, IL 60601

A person wishing to obtain a copy of Emerald's proposed plan of reorganization and related documents should contact Mr. Brian Pitts, public relations manager at the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis LLP. Mr. Pitts can be reached at (312) 861-3115 or via e-mail at BPitts@kirkland.com. Mr. Pitts will make copies of the plan available via e-mail or in hard copy.