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WROTB, Hamburg Gaming, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack Provide New York State \$32.6 Million in Gaming Revenue During First Quarter 2014

WNY Gaming and racing venues have provided state more than \$1 billion since opening

Horsemen also receive purses in excess of \$5 million in first quarter of 2014

BATAVIA, HAMBURG and FARMINGTON, N.Y. -- Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation (WROTB), Hamburg Gaming and Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack today announced they have contributed \$32.6 million during the first quarter of 2014 to the State of New York as part of their gaming revenue-sharing arrangement.

WROTB owns and operates Batavia Downs Gaming in Batavia, as well as OTB branches throughout Western New York. Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack in Farmington is owned and operated by Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment. Hamburg Gaming, located on the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg, is operated by Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment. The Fairgrounds are also home to Buffalo Raceway.

WROTB, Hamburg Gaming and Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack also provided horsemen purses of \$5.4 million during the same period.

The quarterly payment brings the total paid to the State by WROTB, Hamburg Gaming and Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack to \$1,061,374,354 since the three gaming and racing venues opened about 10 years ago. Horsemen have received an additional \$174,854,433 since the inception of the facilities.

“Western Regional OTB, Hamburg Gaming and Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack are vitally important economic engines in our community,” said Michael P. Nolan, executive vice president/COO of WROTB. “We’ve collectively provided over a billion dollars to the State, which benefits all New Yorkers, and nearly \$175 million to horsemen, which is crucial to enhancing and promoting our agriculture industry throughout the region.”

Nolan also noted that more than \$215 million has been given to the 15 counties and two cities that own WROTB since its inception.

“The operations at Batavia, Hamburg and Finger Lakes have not only positively impacted the lives of thousands of families across our region through direct and indirect employment, they also provide a consistent and significant stream of revenue for 15 counties and two cities, helping to alleviate the tax burden for people across the region,” said WROTB President Michael Kane. “Every person within the 15-county area that we encompass has a vested financial interest in the success of our operations.”

Chris Riegle, president and general manager of Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, said Delaware North, WROTB, the horse industry, and the gaming and racing venues have worked collaboratively.

“Over the years, we have cultivated a true partnership that benefits all parties involved, as well as the community as a whole,” Riegle said. “We look forward to growing these relationships while strengthening our operations, which have become a significant economic catalyst in the region.”

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