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**BOARD REINSTATES COEUR D'ALENE – SETS STANDARDS FOR COMPLIANCE**

SACRAMENTO, CA – With new procedures in place guaranteeing the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Account Wagering operations comply with California laws and regulations, the California Horse Racing Board advised the state's racetracks Tuesday that Coeur d'Alene can rejoin the California simulcast wagering program.

The Board had shut off the signal to Coeur d'Alene beginning March 7 while the CHRB reviewed allegations that Coeur d'Alene was illegally accepting wagers from California residents. Under state law, only those Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) operations approved by the Board can legally accept such wagers. The only three approved ADW operators are TVG, XpressBet, and Youbet.com.

Since the exclusion, Jerry Krieg, chief financial officer for the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort, has advised CHRB Executive Director Roy Wood of new procedures to prevent California residents from opening and funding accounts with Coeur d'Alene. He said a valid state-issued drivers license or official state-issued ID must be on file before any account holder will be allowed to wager, and all new applicants must submit a notarized statement that their residence is outside of California.

"No bank deposits shall be accepted from or withdrawals sent to any person or entity within the State of California," Krieg wrote in a letter to Wood. He added that incoming calls from California are being blocked. He agreed to submit supporting information to the CHRB on request.

"Our primary concern was that California residents were placing telephone account wagers through the Coeur d'Alene betting system," said CHRB Chairman Roger Licht. "We now are confident that such wagers are not being accepted by Coeur d'Alene."

The CHRB will continue to aggressively pursue all violations of the ADW law and will sanction the violators appropriately. The CHRB has made ADW compliance with California law a high priority. All operators will be compelled to comply with a rigorous set of guidelines that were instituted in connection with the Coeur D'Alene investigation.

Licht praised the CHRB staff for an outstanding and expeditious investigation with a positive result for California horse racing.

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