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Emerald Casino Ends Legal Battle Over Rosemont Gaming License

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today released the following statement in response to Emerald Casino, Inc.'s announcement that it will not continue its lengthy court fight to win back control of the state's 10th casino license.

“This is an important victory for the people of Illinois in our long legal fight for integrity and accountability in the state's gambling industry,” said Attorney General Madigan. “Now that Emerald has reached the end of its efforts to control the 10 th casino license, the state can begin moving forward to reissue this license and generate needed revenue to benefit the people of Illinois . As we move forward, I will continue to fight to ensure that the public can have confidence in the operation and regulation of the gambling industry in Illinois.”

Over the last several years, Emerald has filed numerous legal actions to challenge the state's efforts to revoke its casino license. Earlier this year, on May 30, 2007, in a 152-page ruling, the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District, in Springfield , affirmed the Illinois Gaming Board's December 2005 decision to revoke Emerald's license to operate a casino in Rosemont. On November 29 th , the Illinois Supreme Court denied Emerald's request to review the Appellate Court's decision, effectively ending Emerald's legal efforts to overturn the Gaming Board's revocation order.

Also in November, the Illinois Appellate Court, First District in Chicago ruled that its June 2006 decision requiring the Gaming Board to renew Emerald's license for four years did not nullify the Gaming Board's order revoking that license. As a result, the license remains revoked.

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