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HEARING LOCATION: SEATTLE RESPONSE DATE: AT HEARING

# NITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, INC. as Foreign Representative of

EVERGREEN GAMING CORP., Debtor in a Foreign Proceeding.

Chapter 15

Case No. 09-13567 (SJS)

EX PARTE MOTION OF FOREIGN REPRESENT-ATIVE FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR HEARING AND LIMITING NOTICE ON EMERGENCY MOTIONS

Deloitte & Touche, Inc., by and through its designated representative, Jervis Rodrigues (the "Monitor"), the court-appointed Monitor in proceedings in British Columbia, Canada under the Canadian Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (the "CCAA"), hereby moves the Court for an order shortening the time for hearing and limiting notice on its Motion for Interim Relief Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1519 (the "Motion for Interim Relief") and its Motion for Joint Administration.

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Evergreen Gaming Corp. ("Evergreen") is a British Columbia corporation with more than twenty direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Subsidiaries") operating in British Columbia, Alberta and western Washington. On April 15, 2009, Evergreen and nineteen Canadian and American affiliates (collectively, the "Evergreen Group" or the "Debtors") filed a voluntary petition in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada under the Canadian Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (the "CCAA Proceeding"). By order entered that same day, the Supreme Court of British Columbia appointed Deloitte & Touche Inc. as Monitor for all debtors in the CCAA Proceeding. Id. A certified copy of the order (i) granting relief under the CCAA, (ii) appointing Deloitte & Touche Inc. as the Monitor and (iii) authorizing the Monitor to commence this Chapter 15 Proceeding (the "CCAA" Order") is attached to the Chapter 15 Petition filed by the Monitor. Rodrigues Declaration, ¶ 2, Exhibit A.

The Monitor has filed petitions in this Court under Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Code") on behalf of seventeen members of the Evergreen Group and an Application for Recognition seeking recognition of the CCAA Proceeding as a Foreign Main Proceeding pursuant to §1517 of the Code.

The Monitor also has filed an Emergency Motion for Interim Relief seeking to protect the Evergreen Group's assets from collection and enforcement actions by creditors in the United States pending a hearing on the Application for Recognition, and a Motion for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Evergreen Group" consists of Evergreen Gaming Corporation, the parent company, and the following direct and indirect subsidiaries: EGC Holdings Ltd., EGC Properties Ltd., Frank Sisson's Silver Dollar Ltd., Washington Gaming, Inc., Big Nevada, Inc., Little Nevada II, Inc., Little Nevada III, Inc., Silver Dollar Mill Creek, Inc., Golden Nugget Tukwila, Inc., Shoreline Gaming, Inc., Little Nevada, Inc., Snohomish Gaming Inc., Hollydrift Gaming, Inc., Royal Casino Holdings, Inc., Gameco, Inc., Gaming Management Inc., Gaming Consultants, Inc., Shoreline Holdings Inc., and Mill Creek Gaming, Inc. With the exception of EGC Holdings Ltd., EGC Properties Ltd., and Frank Sisson's Silver Dollar Ltd., each of the entities has filed chapter 15 a petition in this Court.

Joint Administration of the various Chapter 15 petitions pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b), seeking to reduce the burden and expense of duplicative notices, applications, orders and files for the Court, the Monitor and Evergreen Group's creditors.

The Monitor respectfully requests that the Court hear its Emergency Motion for Interim Relief and its Motion for Joint Administration (collectively, the "Emergency Motions") on an emergency basis. In addition, the Monitor seeks to limit notice of the Emergency Motions in order to limit administrative expenses. A proposed order granting this Motion is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

# **Factual Background**

The facts related to this matter are set forth in detail in the Application for Recognition and the Declaration of Jervis Rodrigues In Support of Application for Recognition of Foreign Proceeding and the Declaration of Cory Coyle In Support of Application for Foreign Proceeding, and will not be repeated here.<sup>2</sup>

This is a classic example of the type of case for which Chapter 15 was designed, and particularly the provisions of Chapter 15 related to foreign main proceedings. Evergreen is a publicly traded Canadian corporation that owns and operates casinos, card rooms and related real estate and management and service businesses in British Columbia, Alberta and Washington State. The CCAA Proceeding was filed in Canada as a result of Evergreen's default on a \$29 million credit facility, and the Debtor Subsidiaries, as guarantors of that debt, joined in the CCAA petition. The Monitor has been appointed by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to monitor the Evergreen Group's insolvency and restructuring efforts and to report on the same to the British Columbia Court.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application for Recognition.

This motion, the Motion for Interim Relief, and the Motion for Joint Administration have been provided to: (i) the principal parties in the case, including the Debtors and their professionals, (ii) Fortress and any other known secured lenders and their respective counsel (if known); (iii) landlords and any other executory contract counterparties; (iv) the United States Attorney's Office; (v) the State of Washington, Bankruptcy and Collections Unit; (vi) the Washington State Gambling Commission; and (vii) the Office of the U.S. Trustee. If those motions are granted, the Monitor proposes to send notice of entry of the Court's orders, along with notice of the hearing on the Application for Recognition, to all creditors in the United States, a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

# **Exigent Circumstances For Emergency Motions**

The Motion for Interim Relief and the Motion for Joint Administration must be heard on an emergency basis to avoid irreparable harm to the Evergreen Group and its estate.

#### A. Motion for Interim Relief

The Motion for Interim Relief seeks relief applying the automatic bankruptcy stay to protect the assets of the Debtor and preserve the *status quo* for the benefit of all creditors pending entry of a final order recognizing the Monitor as a Foreign Representative in a foreign main proceeding. Unless the Motion for Interim Relief is heard on an expedited basis and a stay on creditors collecting activities is affected, the Monitor and the Debtors may be forced to expend limited resources in defense of attachment and other similar collection actions by Fortress. Without the grant of the relief requested, the Evergreen Group and its other creditors may well suffer irreparable harm because such efforts could force the closure of some Evergreen Group businesses and irreparably damage the reorganization effort contemplated in the CCAA Proceeding.

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#### **B.** Motion For Joint Administration

The Monitor has filed separate Chapter 15 petitions for each of the Evergreen Group entities that hold assets in the United States. Administratively consolidating these cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) will avoid the need to file duplicative notices, applications, motions and orders in each case, thereby avoiding significant and unnecessary expense. Entry of an order directing joint administration of the Chapter 15 petitions for procedural purposes will save both the Debtors and the Monitor considerable time and expense, and will relieve the Court of the burden of entering duplicative orders and maintaining duplicative files. The rights of creditors will not be adversely affected because the Motion for Joint Administration seeks only procedural consolidation and not substantive consolidation of the Chapter 15 cases.

# **Limiting Notice On Emergency Motions**

In order to limit administrative expenses, the Monitor seeks to limit notice of the Emergency Motions as follows:

The Motion for Interim Relief seeks an automatic stay of (i) all actions against the Debtor or property of the Debtor within the territorial limitations of the United States; (ii) all actions to create, perfect or enforce any lien against property of the Debtor; and (iii) all actions to terminate leases or other executory contracts to which the Debtor is a party. No lawsuits or foreclosure actions are known to be currently pending against any Debtor or asset in the United States. However, Fortress claims a perfected security interest in substantially all assets of the Evergreen Group and each the direct and direct subsidiaries who are Debtors in the CCAA Proceeding, including all of their bank accounts, ATM accounts and payroll accounts.

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The Monitor seeks to limit notice of those Emergency Motions to: (i) the principal parties in the case, including the Debtors and their professionals, (ii) Fortress and any other known secured lenders and their respective counsel (if known); (iii) landlords and any other executory contract counterparties; (iv) the United States Attorney's Office; (v) the State of Washington, Bankruptcy and Collections Unit; (vi) the Washington State Gambling Commission; and (vii) the Office of the U.S. Trustee.

The Monitor also proposes to mail a notice of these proceedings in the form attached as Exhibit B, along with a copy of the order granting Interim Relief and the Order for Joint Administration to all known U.S. creditors of the Debtors. To the extent that any party in interest objects to the Court's orders on such portions of the Emergency Motions, they could raise those objections at the hearing on the Application for Recognition, or sooner by filing a motion on shortened notice.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the Monitor respectfully requests that the Court grant this
Emergency Motion and shorten the time for hearing on the Motion for Interim Relief and the
Motion for Joint Administration to [] p.m. on [], April [], 2009, with
the response deadline at the time of hearing, and limit notice of the Motion for Interim
Relief and the Motion for Joint Administration as requested above.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2009.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re	Chapter 15
DELOITTE & TOUCHE, INC., as Foreign Representative of	Case No.

EVERGREEN GAMING CORP., Debtor in a Foreign Proceeding. ORDER SHORTENING TIME AND LIMITING NOTICE ON MOTIONS FOR INTERIM RELIEF AND FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Motion for Order Shortening Time and Limiting Notice on Motions for Interim Relief and for Joint Administration (the "Motion") filed on behalf of Deloitte & Touche, Inc., by and through its designated representative, Jervis Rodrigues (the "Monitor"), as foreign representative of the Evergreen Group. The Monitor has been appointed in insolvency proceedings in the Supreme Court of British Columbia pursuant to an Order entered April 15, 2009, a copy of which has been

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filed with the Court. The Court has considered the Motion and the statements of counsel in support of the Motion, and the pleadings on file with the Court.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Court hereby orders as follows:

- A. The Motion is granted.
- B. The time for hearing on the Monitor's Emergency Motion for Interim Relief and Motion for Joint Administration of Cases Under Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) is shortened to [\_\_\_\_] p.m. on [\_\_\_\_\_], April [\_\_\_], 2009, with the response deadline at the time of hearing.
- C. The Monitor shall give notice of the Motion for Interim Relief and the Motion for Joint Administration to (a) the principal parties in the case, including the Debtors and their professionals, Fortress Credit Corp. and its counsel, if known; (b) the United States Attorney's Office; (c) the State off Washington, Bankruptcy and Collections Unit and the Washington State Gambling Commission; and (d) the Office of the U.S. Trustee. No further notice is required or necessary under the circumstances.
- D. The Monitor shall mail a notice of these proceedings in the form attached, along with a copy of the order granting Interim Relief to all parties-in-interest in the Chapter 15 Cases filed by the Evergreen Group. To the extent that any party in interest objects to the Court's orders on the Motion for Interim Relief herein, they may raise those objections at the hearing on the Application for Recognition, or sooner by filing a motion on shortened notice.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re	Chapter 15
Evergreen Gaming Corp., et al.	Case No.
Debtor in a Foreign Proceeding.	Jointly Administered

# NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING ON PETITION UNDER CHAPTER 15 OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY CODE

- 1. Foreign Main Proceeding Proceedings. On April 15, 2009, Deloitte & Touche, Inc., by and through its designated representative, Jervis Rodrigues, (the Monitor) was appointed by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada as the Monitor and duly authorized foreign representative for the entities listed below in insolvency proceedings pending in British Columbia (the "CCAA Proceeding").
- 2. Chapter 15 Petitions in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western **District of Washington.** The Monitor has filed petitions under Chapter 15 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, at Seattle, under the following names and case numbers (the "Chapter 15 Cases"):

Name of Entity:	Case No.:
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3. Order for Joint Administration. The United States Bankruptcy Court has entered an order for joint administration of the above cases. Accordingly, all pleadings

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	Evergreen Group Chapter 15 Cases are to be filed under the caption Evergreen, et al., Case No. []
The Monitor	as filed an Application for Recognition of Foreign Main Proceeding and Other Relief. as filed an Application for Recognition of Foreign Main Proceeding and of Law in Support Thereof (the "Application for Recognition"), seeking:
(a)	Recognition of the CCAA Proceeding as a "Foreign Main Proceeding" as defined in Section 1502(4) of the Bankruptcy Code;
(b)	Granting relief as of right upon recognition of a foreign main proceeding pursuant to Section 1520 of the Bankruptcy Code;
(c)	Granting additional relief as authorized by Section 1521 of the Bankruptcy Code and granting comity to and giving full force and effect to the CCAA Proceeding as a Foreign Main Proceeding.
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Courthouse, '	00 Stewart Street, Room 6301, Seattle, Washington 98101, and served on the
Washington 9	ne Monitor, Perkins Coie LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, 8101, U.S.A., Attn: Bruce G. MacIntyre, as to be received by them no later. Pacific Daylight Time,
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without further notice or hearing. Copies of the Application for Recognition and related

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documents will be made available upon request by the office of the Monitors counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, Washington 98101, U.S.A., Attn: Bruce G. MacIntyre.

7. Motion and Order for Interim Relief. On April \_\_\_, 2009, on an Emergency Motion for Interim Relief filed on behalf of the Monitor, the Bankruptcy Court entered an Order Granting Motion for Interim Relief Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 1519 (the "Provisional Order"). A copy of the Provisional Order is attached to this Notice. Any party wishing to obtain relief from the Provisional Order may do so by filing an objection to be heard at the same time as the Hearing on the Application for Recognition or may properly file a motion for relief on shortened time.

Dated: April [ ], 2009

Seattle, Washington

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