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Michigan Gaming Control Board authorizes Authentic Gaming to provide live dealer casino table games

DETROIT, Oct. 5, 2023 — Authentic Gaming is set to make its North American debut now that the Michigan Gaming Control Board has authorized it to livestream real-time casino table games with live dealers from a Farmington Hills studio. This brings the number of live dealer providers authorized in Michigan to three, with the other two being Playtech and Evolution.

The hybrid live/online games will be offered beginning Oct. 5, 2023. Authentic Gaming initially will provide live dealer games through the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with its platform provider Golden Nugget Casino under the Golden Nugget brand, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians with its platform provider Rush Street Interactive under the BetRivers brand.

"Live dealer online casino table games offer an immersive and engaging gambling experience that combines the convenience of online gaming with the authenticity of the environment in a land-based casino," MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams said. "Players can enjoy the excitement of playing their favorite casino games with real dealers in real-time, all from the comfort of their home or wherever they may be."

Unlike traditional online casino games that rely on computer-generated graphics and algorithms, live dealer games involve real human dealers who interact with players through live video streams. Since the games are played in real-time with real cards, dice, or wheels, players can witness the entire process together, which is particularly important for players who may be skeptical about the fairness of online casino games.

Authentic Gaming will offer a wide range of live dealer gaming options to suit different preferences — including blackjack, baccarat, and roulette — and was approved after fulfilling Michigan internet gaming regulatory requirements, including an onsite review by MGCB staff.

Playtech and Evolution were authorized in December 2021 and July 2021, respectively, to provide live dealer games in Michigan.

Gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only. If someone has a gambling problem, please call the state's 24-hour, toll-free helpline at 1-800-270-7117 or the MGCB's responsible gaming section at 1-888-223-3044. Visit the Responsible Gaming page of the MGCB website for information on self-exclusion programs including the Disassociated Persons List and the Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Responsible Gaming Database, and DontRegretTheBet.org for additional tools to game responsibly.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board shall ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interests of the citizens of the state of Michigan. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MGCB.