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Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC Announces Departure of General Manager

Patrick Bassney Resigns, Emily Lauzon Appointed to Interim Role

Akwesasne, NY — The Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC, announces the resignation of Patrick Bassney, General Manager of the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort (AMCR) effective May 1, 2015. The MGE, LLC has appointed Emily Lauzon as the Interim General Manager.

“Pat’s professionalism and expertise has brought a stabilizing force to the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort throughout his tenure,” stated MGE Chair, Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance. “Pat led the growth of our operations in the face of a recovering economy in the North Country and was responsible for the oversight of our \$70 million expansion. Under Pat, the annual tribal distribution has grown from \$15 million to \$19 million. Our community relies on the success of our gaming operations, and we extend our gratitude for Pat’s leadership.”

The relationships with management, employees and visitors are of paramount importance. Mr. Bassney has diligently worked to expand how the AMCR is represented in the North Country, including our financial relationships. “Our entire team weathered declining gaming revenues, but in spite of this, the employees diligently carried through with our growth strategies and managed food and beverage, bingo and hotel operations finishing the year with profit margins, a further testament to our management,” shared Tribal Chief Beverly Cook, MGE Vice-Chair.

“The past five and one-half years have been a tremendous experience for me both personally and professionally. I can’t say enough about the team at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort. The property has gone through major transformation and is a shining star in the North Country. It is a facility for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to be proud of. My family and I have enjoyed our time here and leave behind many friends and memories. I leave knowing the team at the casino is in the very capable hands of our leadership team with the support of Tribal Council. I wish continued success for the resort and the people of Akwesasne,” expressed Patrick Bassney.

One of the priorities of the AMCR is succession planning and training of the future leadership. “We proudly announce the transition of Emily Lauzon from Assistant General Manager to Interim General Manager and have every confidence in our team’s commitment to ensuring our operations have continued success,” stated Tribal Chief Paul Thompson, MGE Board Member.

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