ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS INC Form 10-K July 06, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

xANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005

OR

oTRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 ACT OF 1934	. ,
For the transition period from	to
Commission File Number <u>0-20538</u>	
ISLE OF CAPRI CA	
(Exact name of registrant as s	pecified in its charter)
Delaware	41-1659606
	~~~

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1641 Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(228) 396-7000

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) Of The Act: None

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) Of The Act: Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value Per Share (Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes x No o

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting stock held by non-affiliates¹ of the Company is \$327,191,180, based on the last reported sale price of \$22.26 per share on October 22, 2004 on the NASDAQ Stock Market; multiplied by 14,698,615 shares of Common Stock outstanding and held by non-affiliates of the Company on such date.

As of July 1, 2005, the Company had a total of 33,591,320 shares of Common Stock outstanding (which excludes 3,607,178 shares held by us in treasury).

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

⁽¹⁾Affiliates for the purpose of this item refer to the directors, named executive officers and/or persons owning 10% or more of the Company's common stock, both of record and beneficially; however, this determination does not constitute an admission of affiliate status for any of the individual stockholders.

# **Document Incorporated by Reference:**

**Document** 

Part of Form 10-K into which
Incorporated
Part III

Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held October 7, 2005.

#### ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS, INC. FORM 10-K INDEX

PART I.	Page 2
ITEM 1. BUSINESS	2
ITEM 2. PROPERTIES	41
ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	46
ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS	47
PART II.	47
ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES	47
ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA	50
ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS	52
ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK	70
ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA	72
ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE	121
ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES	121
ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION	123
PART III.	123
ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT	123
ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	123
ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS	123
ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS	123
ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES	123

PART IV.	124
ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES	124
SIGNATURES	125

#### DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements other than statements of historical or current facts included in this annual report on form 10-K or incorporated by reference herein, including, without limitation, statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe" or "continue" or the negative to variations thereon or similar terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct.

Important factors with respect to any such forward-looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations ("cautionary statements"), are disclosed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K, including, without limitation, in conjunction with the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We urge you to review carefully the section "Risk Factors" beginning on page 12 in this annual report on Form 10-K for a more complete discussion of the risks of purchasing our common stock. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements.

#### **PART I**

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

#### Overview

We were incorporated in Delaware in February 1990. We are a leading developer, owner and operator of branded gaming facilities and related lodging and entertainment facilities in growing markets in the United States and internationally. We wholly own and operate eleven gaming facilities in the U.S. located in Lake Charles and Bossier City, Louisiana; Lula, Biloxi, Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi; Kansas City and Boonville, Missouri; and Bettendorf, Davenport and Marquette, Iowa. We also own a 57% interest in, and receive management fees for operating, two gaming facilities in Black Hawk, Colorado. Only one of these gaming facilities operates under the name "Isle of Capri" and features our distinctive tropical island theme. Our international gaming interests include a wholly owned casino in Freeport, Grand Bahama, and a two-thirds ownership interest in casinos in Dudley, Wolverhampton, and Walsall, England. We also wholly own and operate a pari-mutuel harness racing facility in Pompano Beach, Florida.

We have signed a development agreement with the City of Bettendorf pursuant to which we agreed to construct a new 250-room Isle hotel, additional parking, a Kitt's Kitchen restaurant, and an expansion of the existing buffet, and the City agreed to construct a 50,000 square foot convention center adjacent to our facility, which will be managed by the Isle-Bettendorf. The cost of our portion of this project will be approximately \$45.0 million, and the new hotel is planned to open in the late spring of 2007.

We have been selected by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission as the successful applicant for a gaming license in Waterloo, Iowa. We plan to spend approximately \$119.0 million on constructing a 35,000 square foot single level casino with 1,300 gaming positions, three of our signature restaurants, a 200-room hotel and 1,000 parking spaces. We expect the construction project to take approximately 24 months including the acquisition of necessary permits and licenses.

For the twelve fiscal months ended April 24, 2005, we had net revenues of approximately \$1.1 billion.

#### **Competitive Strengths**

Strong Brand Identity. Most of our casino properties operate under the "Isle of Capri" name, and the facilities were designed to incorporate our distinctive tropical island theme. Most of our gaming facilities contain similar amenities, including hotels, one or more of our trademark restaurants (Farraddays' fine dining restaurant, Calypso's buffet, Kitt's Kitchen restaurant and Tradewinds Marketplace), a Banana Cabana gift shop, an entertainment center for performances and meetings and ample parking. Each of our uniquely branded facilities also offers all customers membership in our themed rewards program, which rewards loyal customers with points and complimentaries that can be redeemed at any of our properties by using a player's club card. These programs are named IsleOne Players Club, the Fan Club, and the Fast Track Club at the Isle of Capri properties, the Rhythm City-Davenport and the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk, respectively. We believe our brand names convey excitement, entertainment, consistent high-quality service and value to our customers.

Standardized Quality and Services. We have developed and implemented standardized procedures for operating our casinos, hotels, restaurants and other non-gaming amenities, which has allowed us to fully and effectively integrate the domestic properties we have developed or acquired during the past eleven years. We utilize management development and employee training programs to implement these procedures throughout our facilities, which we believe help us efficiently operate our facilities. This standardization encourages high-quality service and provides our customers with a consistent experience.

Geographically Diverse Markets. We own or operate our gaming facilities in eleven distinct geographic markets located in 6 states, the Bahamas and the United Kingdom ("UK"), allowing us to maintain diverse sources of revenue and cash flow.

Most of our gaming facilities are conveniently located near major highways. We have located our facilities so that, in most cases, they are either the first casino reached by customers arriving from major nearby cities or are within a cluster of facilities, allowing us to generate significant customer traffic.

Substantial Capital Investment in Our Properties. We are continuing to expand and upgrade the facilities at several of our domestic properties. We believe the continued investment in our domestic properties has improved their competitive position. We also believe our expansion into international markets will further strengthen the "Isle of Capri" brand and allow us to take advantage of new growing markets.

Effective Utilization of Proprietary Database. We have developed an extensive proprietary database of primarily slot-oriented customers that allows us to create and deploy effective targeted marketing and promotional programs, merchandise giveaways, game tournaments and other special events. These promotional programs are designed to reward customer loyalty and maintain high recognition of our "Isle of Capri" brand. As of April 24, 2005, our database contained approximately 6.2 million members, of whom approximately 1.6 million receive regular communications from us. We believe we have effectively used our database to encourage repeat visits, increase customers' length of stay and improve our operating results.

Experienced, Stable Management Team. We are an experienced gaming operator and opened our first gaming facility approximately thirteen years ago. Each member of our senior management team has extensive gaming or related industry experience and has been with us for several years, providing consistency in our operations.

#### **Casino Properties**

Here is an overview of our existing casino properties as of April 24, 2005:

Property	Date Opened or <u>Acquired</u>	Slot <u>Machines</u>	Table <u>Games</u>		Parking <u>Spaces</u>
Louisiana					
Isle-Lake Charles	July 1995	1,598	82	493	2,200
Isle-Bossier City	May 1994	1,050	34	786	1,537
Mississippi					
Isle-Lula	March 2000	1,511	35	486	1,780
Isle-Biloxi	August 1992	1,184	28	367	1,450
Isle-Vicksburg	August 1993	796	20	122	1,100
Isle-Natchez	March 2000	636	11	143	908
Missouri					
Isle-Kansas City	June 2000	1,580	37	-	2,054
	December				
Isle-Boonville	2001	904	27	-	1,101
Iowa					
Isle-Bettendorf	March 2000	1,102	31	256	1,539
Rhythm City-Davenport	October 2000	1,019	17	121	984
Isle-Marquette	March 2000	711	15	25	462
Colorado					
	December				
Isle-Black Hawk (57% owned)	1998	1,328	21	238	1,100
Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk (57%					
owned)	April 2003	697	20	-	600
International Properties					
Isle-Our Lucaya	December 2003	372	33	_	_
Isic-Our Lucaya	November	312	33	-	-
Blue Chip-Dudley (66 2/3% owned)	2003	10	29		63
Blue Chip-Wolverhampton (66 2/3%	2003	10	43	-	03
owned)	April 2004	10	48		10
Blue Chip-Walsall (66 2/3% owned)	October 2004	10	51	-	10
Dide Chip- waisan (00 2/3% Owned)	October 2004	10	31	-	-

#### Louisiana

#### The Isle-Lake Charles

The Isle-Lake Charles, which commenced operations in July 1995, is located on a 19-acre site along Interstate 10, the main thoroughfare connecting Houston, Texas to Lake Charles, Louisiana. The property consists of two dockside casinos offering 1,598 slot machines and 82 table games, a 252-room deluxe hotel, a separate 241-room hotel, a 105,000 square foot land-based pavilion and entertainment center, and 2,200 parking spaces, including approximately 1,400 spaces in an attached parking garage. The pavilion and entertainment center offers customers a wide variety of non-gaming amenities, including a 97-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 360-seat Calypso's buffet, a 165-seat Tradewinds

Marketplace, a 140-seat Kitt's Kitchen restaurant, a 64-seat Lucky Wins oriental restaurant and Caribbean Cove, which features free live entertainment and can accommodate 180 customers. The pavilion also has a 14,750 square foot entertainment center comprised of an 1,100-seat special events center designed for concerts, live boxing, televised pay-per-view events, banquets and other events, meeting facilities and administrative offices.

The Lake Charles market consists of three dockside gaming facilities (which include the Isle-Lake Charles and facilities operated by Harrah and Pinnacle Entertainment), a Native American casino and a pari-mutuel facility/racino (operated by Boyd Gaming). Total slot machines in the market exceed 7,600 machines and table games exceed 200 tables. The Pinnacle Entertainment facility opened at the end of May 2005. In calendar year 2004, the two dockside gaming facilities and one racino, in the aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$462.0 million. Revenues for the Native American property are not published and are not available. Lake Charles is the closest gaming market to the Houston metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 4.7 million and is located approximately 140 miles west of Lake Charles. We believe that the Isle-Lake Charles attracts customers primarily from southeast Texas, including Houston, Beaumont, Galveston, Orange and Port Arthur and from local area residents. Approximately 490,000 and 1.6 million people reside within 50 and 100 miles, respectively, of the Isle-Lake Charles.

#### The Isle-Bossier City

The Isle-Bossier City, which commenced operations in May 1994, is located on a 38-acre site along the Red River approximately one-quarter mile off Interstate 20, the main highway connecting Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas to Bossier City/Shreveport, Louisiana. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 1,050 slot machines and 34 table games, a 560-room on-site deluxe hotel, a 226-room off-site hotel located approximately two miles from the casino, a 39,000 square foot land-based pavilion and entertainment center, and 1,537 parking spaces including approximately 900 spaces in an attached parking garage. The pavilion and entertainment center offer a wide variety of non-gaming amenities, including a 77-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 301-seat Calypso's buffet, a 30-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and a 150-seat Kitt's Kitchen.

The Bossier City/Shreveport market consists of five dockside gaming facilities and a pari-mutuel facility that operates slot machines, which, in the aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$835.4 million in calendar year 2004 and, with the exception of Native American casino in Oklahoma that offers only Class II gaming and blackjack, is the closest gaming market to the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas metropolitan area. The Dallas/Ft. Worth metropolitan area has a population of approximately 5.2 million and is located approximately 190 miles west of Bossier City/Shreveport. The other operators of gaming facilities in this market are Harrah's Entertainment (which operates one of the dockside gaming facilities and the Louisiana Downs pari-mutuel facility), Penn National Gaming, Boyd Gaming and Pinnacle Entertainment. We believe that the Isle-Bossier City attracts customers primarily from the local area, northeastern Texas and the Dallas/Ft. Worth metropolitan area. Approximately 550,000 and 1.8 million people reside within 50 and 100 miles, respectively, of the Isle-Bossier City.

#### Mississippi

#### The Isle-Lula

The Isle-Lula, which was acquired in March 2000, is strategically located off of Highway 49, the only road crossing the Mississippi River from Mississippi to Arkansas for more than 50 miles in either direction. The property consists of two dockside casinos containing 1,511 slot machines and 35 table games, two on-site hotels with a total of 486 rooms, a land-based pavilion and entertainment center, and 1,780 parking spaces. The pavilion and entertainment center offer a wide variety of non-gaming amenities, including a 100-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 300-seat Calypso's buffet and a 48-seat Tradewinds Marketplace.

The Isle-Lula is the only gaming facility in the Coahoma County, Mississippi market and generated gaming revenues of approximately \$89.6 million in calendar year 2004. The Isle-Lula is the closest gaming facility to the Little Rock, Arkansas metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 580,000 and is located approximately 120 miles northwest of the property. Coahoma County is also located approximately 60 miles southwest of Memphis, Tennessee, which is primarily served by 10 casinos in Tunica, Mississippi. Approximately 850,000 people reside within 150 miles of the property's primary target market.

#### The Isle-Biloxi

The Isle-Biloxi, which commenced operations in August 1992, is located on a 17-acre site at the eastern end of a cluster of facilities known as "Casino Row" in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is the first property reached by visitors coming from Alabama, Florida and Georgia via Highway 90. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 1,184 slot machines and 28 table games, a 367-room hotel, a 90-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 425-seat Calypso's buffet, a 64-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and 1,450 parking spaces. We recently completed a new 400-room hotel, expanded our conference center and added a spa at the Isle-Biloxi. A new casino is currently under construction offsite and will feature significantly expanded gaming space (including 2,100 slot machines and 50 table games), new entertainment venues, restaurants and other amenities. We expect to close the existing casino for approximately two weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2005 while we move the new facility into place.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast market (which includes Biloxi, Gulfport and Bay St. Louis) is one of the largest gaming markets in the United States and consists of 12 dockside gaming facilities which, in the aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$911.4 million in calendar year 2004. In addition, a Hard Rock Casino and Hotel currently is under construction and is expected to open in fall of 2005. Among the other operators of dockside gaming facilities in this market are MGM Mirage, Harrah's Entertainment, Penn National Gaming and Pinnacle Entertainment. The Mississippi Gulf Coast, a regional tourist destination, is the closest gaming market to the Mobile, Alabama metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 540,000 and is located approximately 60 miles east of Biloxi. We believe that the Isle-Biloxi attracts customers from the local area, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and southeastern Louisiana, including New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Approximately 800,000 and 2.9 million people reside within 50 to 100 miles, respectively, of the Isle-Biloxi.

#### The Isle-Vicksburg

The Isle-Vicksburg, which commenced operations in August 1993, is located on an 18-acre site approximately one-mile north of Interstate 20, the main road connecting Jackson, Mississippi to Vicksburg, Mississippi. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 796 slot machines and 20 table games, a 122-room hotel, a 12,483 square foot land-based pavilion and entertainment center, 1,100 parking spaces, a 67-space recreational vehicle park, a 68-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 211-seat Calypso's buffet, a Tradewinds Marketplace and live entertainment.

The Vicksburg market consists of four dockside gaming facilities that, in the aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$247.2 million in calendar year 2004. The other operators of dockside gaming facilities in this market are Alliance Gaming, Ameristar Casinos and Columbia Sussex. The Jackson metropolitan area is also served by a Native American gaming facility. Vicksburg is the closest gaming market to the Jackson, Mississippi metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 440,000 and is located approximately 40 miles east of Vicksburg. We believe that the Isle-Vicksburg attracts customers primarily from the local area, Jackson and northeastern Louisiana. Approximately 530,000 people reside within 50 miles of the Isle-Vicksburg.

#### The Isle-Natchez

The Isle-Natchez, which was acquired in March 2000, is located off of Highways 84 and 61 in western Mississippi. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 636 slot machines and 11 table games, a 143-room off-site hotel located approximately one mile from the casino, a 150-seat Calypso's buffet and 908 parking spaces.

The Isle-Natchez is the only gaming facility in the Natchez market and generated gaming revenues of approximately \$36.4 million in calendar year 2004. We believe that the Isle-Natchez attracts customers primarily from among the 110,000 people residing within 50 miles of the Isle-Natchez.

#### Missouri

#### The Isle-Kansas City

We acquired the Isle-Kansas City in June 2000. The facility is the closest facility to downtown Kansas City and consists of a dockside casino offering 1,580 slot machines and 37 table games, a 72-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 325-seat Calypso's buffet, a 24-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and 2,054 parking spaces.

The Kansas City market consists of four dockside gaming facilities that, in the aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$676.8 million in calendar year 2004. The other operators of dockside gaming facilities in this market are Ameristar Casinos, Argosy Gaming and Harrah's Entertainment. We believe that the Isle-Kansas City attracts customers primarily from the Kansas City metropolitan area, which has approximately 1.7 million residents.

#### The Isle-Boonville

The Isle-Boonville, which opened on December 6, 2001, is located off of Interstate 70, approximately halfway between Kansas City and St. Louis. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 904 slot machines and 27 table games, a 32,396 square foot pavilion and entertainment center and 1,101 parking spaces. The pavilion and entertainment center offers customers a wide variety of non-gaming amenities, including a 92-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 270-seat Calypso's buffet, a 32-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and a historic display area. Isle-Boonville has begun construction on a 140-room hotel, which will include 20 suites and a 6,000 square foot event center. We expect to complete the project in late spring of 2006 at an expected cost of approximately \$17.5 million.

The Isle-Boonville is the only gaming facility between Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Louis, Missouri and generated gaming revenues of approximately \$72.9 million in calendar year 2004. We believe the Isle-Boonville attracts most of its customers from the approximately 733,000 persons living within a 75-mile radius in central Missouri, including Jefferson City and Columbia.

#### Iowa

#### *The Isle-Bettendorf*

The Isle-Bettendorf, which we acquired in March 2000, is located off of Interstate 74, an interstate highway serving the Quad Cities metropolitan area. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 1,102 slot machines and 31 table games, a 256-room hotel, approximately 108,900 square feet of convention/banquet space, a 140-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 320-seat Calypso's buffet, a 30-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and 1,539 parking spaces. We have signed a development agreement with the City of Bettendorf pursuant to which we agreed to construct a new 250-room Isle hotel, additional parking, and the City agreed to construct a 50,000 square foot convention center adjacent to the company's facility, which will be managed by the Isle-Bettendorf. The cost of our portion of this project will be approximately \$45.0 million, and the new hotel is scheduled to open in the late spring of 2007.

The Quad Cities metropolitan area, consisting of Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa and Moline and Rock Island, Illinois currently has three gaming operations - our two gaming facilities, the Isle-Bettendorf and the Rhythm City-Davenport, and one smaller operator. The three operations in the Quad Cities generated, in the aggregate, gaming revenues of approximately \$220.9 million in calendar year 2004. In addition to the Quad Cities metropolitan area, our operations in the Quad Cities also compete with gaming operations in Peoria, Illinois; Dubuque, Clinton and Des Moines, Iowa; and to a lesser extent, gaming operations in the Chicago, Illinois metropolitan area.

#### The Rhythm City-Davenport

The Rhythm City-Davenport, which we acquired in October 2000, is located between Interstates 74, 80 and 280. The property consists of a dockside gaming facility offering 1,019 slot machines and 17 table games, a 121-room off-site hotel located approximately four blocks from the casino, a 290-seat Hit Parade buffet, a 76-seat Rock Around the Clock diner and 984 parking spaces.

#### The Isle-Marquette

The Isle-Marquette, which we acquired in March 2000, is located in Marquette, Iowa, approximately 60 miles north of Dubuque, Iowa. The property consists of a dockside casino offering 711 slot machines and 15 table games, a land-based facility including a 25-room hotel, a 160-seat Calypso's buffet restaurant, a Tradewinds Marketplace, an entertainment showroom, a marina and 462 parking spaces.

The Isle-Marquette is the only gaming facility in the Marquette, Iowa market, and generated gaming revenues of approximately \$41.8 million in calendar year 2004. We believe the Isle-Marquette draws most of its customers from northeast Iowa and Wisconsin and to some extent, competes for those customers with another riverboat facility and a racetrack with slot machines, both of which are in the Dubuque area. We have received gaming regulatory approval for an expansion project that will add 60 hotel rooms and improved parking. We are currently evaluating hotel development alternatives for this property.

#### **Colorado**

#### The Isle-Black Hawk

The Isle-Black Hawk, which commenced operations in December 1998, is located on an approximately 10-acre site and is one of the first gaming facilities reached by customers arriving from Denver via Highway 119, the main thoroughfare connecting Denver to Black Hawk. The property currently consists of a land-based casino with 1,328 slot machines and 21 table games, a 238-room hotel and 1,100 parking spaces in an attached parking garage. The Isle-Black Hawk also offers customers a wide variety of non-gaming amenities, including a 96-seat Farraddays' restaurant, a 228-seat Calypso's buffet, a 32-seat Tradewinds Marketplace and a 4,000 square foot event center that can be used for meetings and entertainment. We own 57% of the Isle-Black Hawk through an unrestricted subsidiary and receive a management fee for operating the facility.

The Black Hawk/Central City market consists of 28 gaming facilities (nine of which have more than 600 slot machines), which, in aggregate, generated gaming revenues of approximately \$577.0 million in calendar year 2004. Black Hawk is the closest gaming market to the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 2.6 million and is located approximately 40 miles east of Black Hawk. We believe that the Isle-Black Hawk attracts customers primarily from Denver, Boulder, Fort Collins and Golden, Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

#### The Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk

The Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk, which we acquired in April 2003, is located across the intersection of Main Street and Mill Street from the Isle-Black Hawk. The property currently consists of a land-based casino with 697 slot machines, 20 table games and 600 parking spaces in our new parking structure connecting Isle-Black Hawk and Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk. The property also offers guests two dining options including the Fire Box restaurant and the Chew Chew deli. We own 57% of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk through an unrestricted subsidiary and receive a management fee for operating the facility.

We are in the final stages of a \$94.0 million expansion project for the Isle-Black Hawk and Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk properties. We recently completed our expansion of the Isle-Black Hawk and the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk casinos. We have completed a portion of our new parking structure with 600 parking spaces open to the public. The new 162-room Colorado Central Station hotel is currently ahead of schedule and expected to be completed by end of calendar year 2005. Additionally, we continue to construct public improvements to extend Main Street directly to Colorado Route 119, approximately one half-mile closer to Denver. Completion is expected in the spring of 2006.

#### Florida

#### Pompano Park

In 1995, we acquired Pompano Park, a harness racing track located in Pompano Beach, Florida. Pompano Park is conveniently located off of Interstate 95 and the Florida Turnpike on a 220-acre owned site, midway between Miami and West Palm Beach. Pompano Park is the only racetrack licensed to conduct harness racing in Florida. During the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, Pompano Park conducted 149 live racing programs. Pompano Park can accommodate up to 14,500 customers and has 4,000 parking spaces and 1,040 horse stalls. The six-story, air-conditioned facility consists of 21 poker tables, a box seat area, a 260,000 square foot clubhouse, a large grandstand, a 1,250-seat dining area from which the races can be viewed, five concession stands, five bars and a 180-seat Player's Lounge cafeteria.

In November 2004, voters in the State of Florida voted to amend the state's constitution to allow the voters of Miami-Dade and Broward counties (Broward County is the location of the Pompano Park Racetrack) to decide whether to approve slot machines in racetracks and jai alai frontons in their respective counties. Broward county voters passed their local referendum and Dade county voters rejected their referendum in March 2005. Enabling gaming legislation was not passed in the current session of the Florida legislature despite the constitutional requirement that such legislation be in effect by July 1, 2005. Along with the other Broward county pari-mutuels, we filed a lawsuit seeking authority to proceed with the development of slot machine facilities despite the absence of enabling legislation. On June 21, 2005, the Circuit Court judge issued a decision in favor of the pari-mutuel facilities, which decision will be appealed. Accordingly, the regulation and timing of installation and operation of slot machines has not been finally determined. This facility draws most of its customers from the 2.6 million people residing within a 25-mile radius.

#### **Grand Bahama Island**

The Isle-Our Lucaya

The Isle-Our Lucaya is one of two gaming facilities in the Freeport market on the Island of Grand Bahama. The competing facility has been closed since the hurricanes struck the island in September 2004. This market generated gaming revenues of approximately \$30.7 million in calendar year 2004 and has a population of approximately 50,000 and approximately 300,000 visitors annually. The Island has 3,200 hotel rooms. The facility is located at Our Lucaya Beach & Golf Resort, which features a Westin and Sheraton hotel with 1,260 rooms although 260 rooms have been unavailable since the hurricanes struck the island in September 2004. The approximately 19,000 square-foot resort-style casino offers 372 slot machines, 33 table games and a 110-seat restaurant.

#### **United Kingdom**

Blue Chip-Dudley

The pub-style casino in Dudley, England is one of 17 gaming facilities in the West Midlands market. Dudley is close to the Birmingham metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 5.3 million. The casino consists of 10 slot machines, 29 table games and 63 parking spaces. We own two-thirds of the Blue Chip-Dudley through an unrestricted subsidiary.

Blue Chip-Wolverhampton

The pub-style casino in Wolverhampton, England is also in the West Midlands market. Wolverhampton is close to the Birmingham metropolitan area. The casino consists of 10 slot machines, 48 table games and 10 parking spaces. We own two-thirds of the Blue Chip-Wolverhampton through an unrestricted subsidiary.

Blue Chip-Walsall

The pub-style casino in Walsall, England is also in the West Midlands market. Walsall is close to the Birmingham metropolitan area. The casino consists of 10 slot machines and 51 table games. We own two-thirds of the Blue Chip-Walsall through an unrestricted subsidiary.

#### Coventry

We remain committed to our development project in the UK to build a casino in Coventry; however, legislation enacted in April 2005 limits the number of regional casinos to one. The number may be increased only through additional legislation. We have obtained all necessary gaming licenses to open a casino at the RICOHTM Arena Coventry in the summer of 2006 under the Gaming Act of 1968. We believe we are well positioned to develop a regional casino in Coventry should we be awarded a regional casino license.

#### Marketing

We attract customers to our casinos by designing and implementing marketing and promotional programs that emphasize our Isle of Capri, Rhythm City and Colorado Central Station brands and reward loyal customers. We have developed an extensive proprietary database of primarily slot-oriented customers that allows us to create effective targeted marketing and promotional programs, merchandise giveaways, game tournaments and other special events. These programs are designed to reward customer loyalty, attract new customers to our properties and maintain high recognition of our brands. These promotional programs are designed to reward customer loyalty and maintain high recognition of our "Isle of Capri" brand.

As of April 24, 2005, our database contained approximately 6.2 million members, of whom approximately 1.6 million receive regular mailings. To develop this database, we offer all of our customers a membership in the IsleOne Players Club at Isle of Capri properties, the Fan Club at the Rhythm City-Davenport and the Fast Track Club at the Colorado Central Station property. These programs reward loyal customers with IsleOne points that can be redeemed at our casinos by using our player's club card. Currently, the player's club card allows us to track the members' gaming preferences, maximum, minimum and total amount wagered and frequency of visits. Players are classified in groups according to these characteristics. Our database is used for direct marketing programs and other promotional events that are tailored to these specific groups of players. We believe we have effectively used our database to encourage repeat visits, increase customers' length of stay and improve our operating results.

We place significant emphasis on attracting local residents and seek to maintain a strong local identity in each market in which we operate by initiating and supporting community and special events. We use broadcast media to promote the Isle of Capri brand name and attract customers to our properties. To further enhance our tropical theme, we have engaged actor Ricardo Montalban to narrate our radio advertisements and appear in our television advertisements.

#### **Employees**

As of April 24, 2005, we employed approximately 10,500 people. None of our employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that our relationship with our employees is satisfactory.

#### **Risk Factors**

We face significant competition from other gaming operations that could have a material adverse effect on our future operations.

We face intense competition in the markets in which we operate. We have numerous competitors, including land-based casinos, dockside casinos, riverboat casinos, casinos located on Native American-owned lands and at racing and pari-mutuel operations. Several of our competitors have substantially better name recognition, marketing and financial resources than we do. Legalized gaming is currently permitted in various forms throughout the United States. Certain states have recently legalized, and other states are currently considering legalizing, casino gaming in designated areas. There is no limit on the number of gaming licenses that may be granted in several of the markets in which we operate. As a result, new licenses could be awarded to gaming facilities in such markets, which could have an adverse effect on our operating results. In particular, we face new competition in the Lake Charles, Louisiana market where Pinnacle Entertainment recently opened a dockside casino facility with a reported cost of \$365.0 million. We also will face new competition in the Mississippi Gulf Coast market where a Hard Rock Casino and Hotel is under construction and is expected to open by fall of 2005. In addition, the pari-mutuel facility in the Bossier City, Louisiana market has expanded the number of slot machines available at its facility. Expansion of existing gaming facilities and the development of new gaming facilities in our current markets will increase competition for our existing and future operations. In addition, many Native American tribes conduct casino gaming on Native American-owned lands throughout the United States. Such facilities have the advantages of being land-based and exempt from certain state and federal taxes. Some Native American tribes are either in the process of establishing or expanding, or are considering the establishment or expansion of, gaming in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Kansas, Colorado and Iowa, which could impact operations at some of our properties. The establishment or expansion of new gaming facilities and casinos on Native American-owned lands will increase competition for our existing and future operations.

We also compete with other forms of legalized gaming and entertainment such as online computer gambling, bingo, pull tab games, card parlors, sports books, pari-mutuel or telephonic betting on horse racing and dog racing, state-sponsored lotteries, jai-alai, video lottery terminals and video poker terminals and, in the future, may compete with gaming at other venues.

Our existing gaming facilities compete directly with other gaming properties in Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa and Colorado. We also compete with gaming operators in other gaming jurisdictions such as Atlantic City, New Jersey and Las Vegas, Nevada. Our existing casinos attract a significant number of their customers from Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Mobile, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; Little Rock, Arkansas and Denver, Colorado. Our continued success depends upon drawing customers from each of these geographic markets. Legalization of gaming in jurisdictions closer to these geographic markets than the jurisdictions in which our facilities are located would have a material adverse effect on our operating results. Electronic games of skill were recently approved by the voters in Arkansas for operation at pari-mutuel facilities, and while that approval is subject to county-wide votes in the counties where the pari-mutuel facilities are located, the operation of those machines could adversely impact our operations in Lula and Bossier City. Similarly, voters in Oklahoma recently authorized certain table games at Oklahoma tribal casinos, which we believe has had, and may continue to have, an adverse impact on the Bossier City market. We expect competition to increase as new gaming operators enter our markets, existing competitors expand their operations, gaming activities expand in existing jurisdictions and gaming is legalized in new jurisdictions. We cannot predict with any certainty the effects of existing and future competition on our operating results.

#### We are subject to extensive regulation from gaming authorities that could adversely affect us.

#### Licensing Requirements.

As owners and operators of gaming facilities, we are subject to extensive state and local regulation. State and local authorities require us and our subsidiaries to demonstrate suitability to obtain and retain various licenses and require that we have registrations, permits and approvals to conduct gaming operations. The regulatory authorities in the jurisdictions in which we operate may limit, condition, suspend or revoke a license to conduct gaming operations or prevent us from owning the securities of any of our gaming subsidiaries. We may also be deemed responsible for the acts and conduct of our employees. Substantial fines or forfeiture of assets for violations of gaming laws or regulations may be levied against us, our subsidiaries and the persons involved. The suspension or revocation of any of our licenses or the levy on us or our subsidiaries of a substantial fine would have a material adverse effect on our business.

To date, we have demonstrated suitability to obtain and have obtained all governmental licenses, registrations, permits and approvals necessary for us to operate our existing gaming facilities. However, like all gaming operators in the jurisdictions in which we operate, we must periodically apply to renew our gaming licenses. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such renewals. We remain committed to our development project in the UK to build a casino in Coventry; however, legislation enacted in April 2005 limits the number of regional casinos to one. The number may be increased only through additional legislation. We have obtained all necessary gaming licenses to open a casino at the RICOHTM Arena Coventry in the summer of 2006 under the Gaming Act of 1968. We believe we are well positioned to develop a regional casino in Coventry should we be awarded a regional casino license. In addition, if we expand our gaming operations in the jurisdictions in which we currently operate or to new jurisdictions, we will have to meet suitability requirements and obtain additional licenses, registrations, permits and approvals from gaming and non-gaming authorities in these jurisdictions.

For example, in connection with our successful bid for the 10th gaming license in Illinois, we must be found suitable and our proposed facility must be approved by the Illinois Gaming Board. In addition, the Illinois Attorney General has raised issues with regard to the appropriateness of the Village of Rosemont as a host community and the Illinois Gaming Board's selection of our bid. The Illinois Gaming Board (working with the Illinois Attorney General) has also resumed an administrative proceeding seeking to revoke the gaming license from our proposed merger partner, which if successful may adversely impact our ability to operate a gaming facility in the Village of Rosemont. The Illinois Attorney General has also filed a suit against the Illinois Gaming Board seeking to enjoin the Board from conducting a suitability investigation of us in connection with the merger provided for under the plan of reorganization (which suitability review has been "suspended" by the Illinois Gaming Board pending the completion of the aforementioned revocation proceeding. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005, the governor of Illinois appointed a new gaming board. One of the first acts by the new board was to authorize the reinstatement of the proceeding to rescind the license from the current owner. For the reasons set forth above, among others, we believe that our ability to obtain the gaming license and open a gaming facility in Rosemont has been subjected to added uncertainty.

In November 2004, voters in the State of Florida voted to amend the state's constitution to allow the voters of Miami-Dade and Broward counties (Broward County is the location of the Pompano Park Racetrack) to decide whether to approve slot machines in racetracks and jai alai frontons in their respective counties. Broward county voters passed their local referendum and Dade county voters rejected their referendum in March 2005. Enabling gaming legislation was not passed in the current session of the Florida legislature despite the constitutional requirement that such legislation be in effect by July 1, 2005. Along with the other Broward county pari-mutuels, we filed a lawsuit seeking authority to proceed with the development of slot machine facilities despite the absence of enabling legislation. On June 21, 2005, the Circuit Court judge issued a decision in favor of the pari-mutuel facilities, which

decision will be appealed. Accordingly, the regulation and timing of installation and operation of slot machines has not been finally determined.

In addition, regulatory authorities in certain jurisdictions must approve, in advance, any restrictions on transfers of, agreements not to encumber or pledges of equity securities issued by a corporation that is registered as an intermediary company with such state, or that holds a gaming license. If these restrictions are not approved in advance, they will be invalid.

#### Potential Changes in Regulatory Environment.

From time to time, legislators and special interest groups have proposed legislation that would expand, restrict or prevent gaming operations in the jurisdictions in which we operate. In addition, from time to time, certain anti-gaming groups propose referenda that, if adopted, would limit our ability to continue to operate in those jurisdictions in which such referenda are adopted. Any expansion of gaming or restriction on or prohibition of our gaming operations could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

#### We are subject to the possibility of an increase in gaming taxes, which would increase our costs.

State and local authorities raise a significant amount of revenue through taxes and fees on gaming activities. We believe that the prospect of significant revenue is one of the primary reasons that jurisdictions permit legalized gaming. As a result, gaming companies are typically subject to significant taxes and fees in addition to normal federal, state, local and provincial income taxes, and such taxes and fees are subject to increase at any time. We pay substantial taxes and fees with respect to our operations. From time to time, federal, state, local and provincial legislators and officials have proposed changes in tax laws, or in the administration of such laws, affecting the gaming industry. In addition, poor economic conditions could intensify the efforts of state and local governments to raise revenues through increases in gaming taxes. On May 6, 2004, the Iowa legislature made several changes to its gaming tax structure, increasing the taxes and fees we pay with respect to our operations located in that State. Effective July 1, 2004, gaming taxes increased from 20% to 22% of adjusted gross receipts. Additionally, there are two prepaid assessments due on June 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006 in an amount equal to 2.152% of our adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year 2004. These assessments will be offset by future state gaming taxes, with a credit for 20% of the assessments paid allowed each year beginning July 1, 2010 for five consecutive years. We are also required to reimburse the state of Iowa for costs associated with monitoring and enforcement by the Iowa Gaming Commission and the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation. Some of the states in which we own or operate casinos continue to experience budget shortfalls and, as a result, may increase gaming taxes to raise more revenue. It is not possible to determine with certainty the likelihood of changes in tax laws or in the administration of such laws. Such changes, if adopted, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We are subject to non-gaming regulation that could adversely affect us.

Several of our riverboats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard requirements as to boat design, on-board facilities, equipment, personnel and safety and must hold U.S. Coast Guard Certificates of Documentation and Inspection. The U.S. Coast Guard requirements also set limits on the operation of the riverboats and mandate licensing of certain personnel involved with the operation of the riverboats. Loss of a riverboat's Certificate of Documentation and Inspection could preclude its use as a riverboat casino. Each of our riverboats is inspected annually and, every five years, is subject to dry-docking for inspection of its hull, which could result in a temporary loss of service.

We are required to have third parties periodically inspect and certify all of our casino barges for stability and single compartment flooding integrity. Our casino barges must also meet local fire safety standards. We would incur additional costs if any of our gaming facilities were not in compliance with one or more of these regulations.

We are also subject to certain federal, state and local environmental laws, regulations and ordinances that apply to non-gaming businesses generally, such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Under various federal, state and local laws and regulations, an owner or operator of real property may be held liable for the costs of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances or wastes located on its property, regardless of whether or not the present owner or operator knows of, or is responsible for, the presence of such substances or wastes. We have not identified any issues associated with our properties that could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on us or the results of our operations. However, several of our properties are located in industrial areas or were used for industrial purposes for many years. As a consequence, it is possible that historical or neighboring activities have affected one or more of our properties and that, as a result, environmental issues could arise in the future, the precise nature of which we cannot now predict. The coverage and attendant compliance costs associated with these laws, regulations and ordinances may result in future additional costs.

Regulations adopted by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the U.S. Treasury Department require us to report currency transactions in excess of \$10,000 occurring within a gaming day, including identification of the patron by name and social security number. U.S. Treasury Department regulations also require us to report certain suspicious activity, including any transaction that exceeds \$5,000 if we know, suspect or have reason to believe that the transaction involves funds from illegal activity or is designed to evade federal regulations or reporting requirements. Substantial penalties can be imposed against us if we fail to comply with these regulations.

We are also subject to a variety of other local rules and regulations, including zoning, environmental, construction and land-use laws and regulations governing the serving of alcoholic beverages. Penalties can be imposed against us if we fail to comply with these regulations. The imposition of a substantial penalty or the loss of service of a gaming facility for a significant period of time would have a material adverse affect on our business.

#### Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health and restrict our operations.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of April 24, 2005, we had \$1.2 billion of total debt outstanding.

Our significant indebtedness could have important consequences, such as:

- · limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund our working capital requirements, capital expenditures, debt service, general corporate or other obligations;
- · limiting our ability to use operating cash flow in other areas of our business because we must dedicate a significant portion of these funds to make principal and interest payments on our indebtedness;
- · increasing our interest expense if there is a rise in interest rates, because a portion of our borrowings under our senior secured credit facility are subject to interest rate periods with short-term durations (typically 30 to 180 days) that require ongoing refunding at the then current rates of interest;
- causing our failure to comply with the financial and restrictive covenants contained in the indenture and agreements governing the 7% senior subordinated notes due 2014, the 9% senior subordinated notes due 2012, our senior secured credit facility and our other indebtedness, which could cause a default under those instruments and which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on us;
  - · placing us at a competitive disadvantage to our competitors who are not as highly leveraged; and
- · increasing our vulnerability to and limiting our ability to react to changing market conditions, changes in our industry and economic downturns.

Any of the factors listed above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, as of April 24, 2005, we had the capacity to issue additional indebtedness, including the ability to incur additional indebtedness under all of our lines of credit, of approximately \$452.8 million, subject to the limitations imposed by the covenants in the senior secured credit facility and the indentures governing our notes. The indenture governing our notes and the senior secured credit facility contain financial and other restrictive covenants, but will not fully prohibit us from incurring additional debt. If new debt is added to our current level of indebtedness, related risks that we now face could increase.

We have made and will need to make significant capital expenditures at our existing facilities to remain competitive with current and future competitors in our markets. Our senior secured credit facility and the indentures governing our notes contain operating and financial restrictions that may limit our ability to obtain the financing to make these capital expenditures.

Our agreements governing our indebtedness, among other things, limit our ability to:

- · borrow money;
- · make capital expenditures;
- use assets as security in other transactions;
- make restricted payments or restricted investments;
  - · incur contingent obligations; and
- sell assets and enter into leases and transactions with affiliates.

#### We May Not Be Able to Successfully Recover Our Investment in New Locations

We regularly evaluate and pursue new gaming acquisition and development opportunities in existing and new gaming markets. For example, in December 2003 we entered into an agreement to develop and operate an entertainment complex, which will include a casino, in a commercial leisure complex in Coventry, England. While we seek the requisite approvals for the proposed project, we are committed to making certain investments in the project. In the event we obtain all necessary approvals, we will invest significant additional funds.

To the extent that we elect to pursue any new gaming acquisition or development opportunity, our ability to benefit from our investment will depend on many factors, including:

- · our ability to successfully identify attractive acquisition and development opportunities;
  - our ability to successfully integrate the operations of any acquired properties;
- · our ability to attract and retain competent management and employees for the new locations;
- our ability to secure required federal, state and local licenses, permits and approvals, which in some jurisdictions are limited in number and subject to intense competition;
  - · the availability of adequate financing on acceptable terms.

Many of these factors are beyond our control. Therefore, we cannot be sure that we will be able to recover our investments in any new gaming development opportunities or acquired facilities, or successfully expand to additional locations.

#### We May Experience Construction Delays During Our Expansion or Development Projects

We currently are engaged in substantial expansion projects at several of our domestic properties and have plans to commence construction on a new facility in the UK. We also evaluate other expansion opportunities as they become available and we may in the future engage in additional construction projects. The anticipated costs and construction periods are based upon budgets, conceptual design documents and construction schedule estimates prepared by us in consultation with our architects and contractors.

Construction projects entail significant risks, which can substantially increase costs or delay completion of a project. Such risks include shortages of materials or skilled labor, unforeseen engineering, environmental or geological problems, work stoppages, weather interference and unanticipated cost increases. Most of these factors are beyond our control. In addition, difficulties or delays in obtaining any of the requisite licenses, permits or authorizations from regulatory authorities can increase the cost or delay the completion of an expansion or development. Significant budget overruns or delays with respect to expansion and development projects could adversely affect our results of operations.

#### If our key personnel leave us, our business will be significantly adversely affected.

Our continued success will depend, among other things, on the efforts and skills of a few key executive officers and the experience of our property managers as well as our ability to attract and retain additional highly qualified personnel with gaming industry experience and qualifications to obtain the requisite licenses. We do not maintain "key man" life insurance for any of our employees. There is no assurance that we would be able to attract and hire suitable replacements for any of our key employees. We need qualified executives, managers and skilled employees with gaming industry experience to continue to successfully operate our business. We believe a shortage of skilled labor in the gaming industry may make it increasingly difficult and expensive to attract and retain qualified employees. We expect that increased competition in the gaming industry will intensify this problem.

# Inclement weather and other conditions could seriously disrupt our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Dockside and riverboat facilities are subject to risks in addition to those associated with land-based casinos, including loss of service due to casualty, mechanical failure, extended or extraordinary maintenance, flood, hurricane or other severe weather. Our riverboats and barges face additional risks from the movement of vessels on waterways.

Reduced patronage and the loss of a dockside or riverboat casino from service for any period of time could adversely affect our results of operations. For example, as a result of hurricanes, we closed the Isle-Our Lucaya from September 1, 2004 to October 13, 2004 and twenty-one other days throughout October 2004 and November 2004 and the Isle-Biloxi from September 14, 2004 to September 17, 2004. While our business interruption insurance provided sufficient coverage for those losses, we cannot assure you that the proceeds from any future claim will be sufficient to compensate us if one or more of our casinos experience a closure.

Access to a number of our facilities may also be affected by road conditions, such as construction and traffic. In addition, severe weather such as high winds and blizzards occasionally limits access to our facilities in Colorado.

#### Energy and fuel price increases may adversely affect our costs of operations and our revenues

Our casino properties use significant amounts of electricity, natural gas and other forms of energy. While no shortages of energy have been experienced, substantial increases in the cost of electricity in the United States will negatively affect our results of operations. In addition, energy and fuel price increases in cities that constitute a significant source of customers for our properties could result in a decline in disposable income of potential customers and a corresponding decrease in visitation to our properties, which would negatively impact our revenues. The extent of the impact is subject to the magnitude and duration of the energy and fuel price increases, but this impact could be material.

#### A downturn in general economic conditions may adversely affect our results of operations.

Our business operations are subject to changes in international, national and local economic conditions, including changes in the economy related to future security alerts in connection with threatened or actual terrorist attacks and related to the war with Iraq, which may affect our customers' willingness to travel. A recession or downturn in the general economy, or in a region constituting a significant source of customers for our properties, could result in fewer customers visiting our properties, which would adversely affect our results of operations.

#### We have international operations that are subject to different risks than our domestic operations.

With our expansion into the UK and the Bahamas, we are subject to certain additional risks, including difficulty in staffing and managing foreign subsidiary operations, foreign currency fluctuations, dependence on foreign economies, political issues, adverse tax consequences and uncertainty in regulatory reform in the UK. In addition, in the Bahamas current gaming regulation preclude residence from participating in gaming activities. Therefore, disruptions in tourism traffic such as airline and other means of transportation and hotel accommodations can have an adverse impact in our gaming operations.

#### **Regulation and Licensing**

The ownership and operation of casino gaming facilities are subject to extensive state and local regulations. We are required to obtain and maintain gaming licenses in each of the jurisdictions in which we conduct gaming. The limitation, conditioning or suspension of gaming licenses could (and the revocation or non-renewal of gaming licenses, or the failure to reauthorize gaming in certain jurisdictions, would) materially adversely affect our operation in that jurisdiction. In addition, changes in law that restrict or prohibit our gaming operations in any jurisdiction could have a material adverse effect on us. For example, the State of Florida legislature did not pass enabling gaming legislation in the most current session despite a constitutional requirement that it do so. For a variety of reasons, there can be no assurance that Florida law will ultimately allow the operation of slot machines at racetracks or jai alai facilities in Broward county, which recently passed a local referendum to do so.

We remain committed to our development project in the UK to build a casino in Coventry; however, legislation enacted in April 2005 limits the number of regional casinos to one. The number may be increased only through additional legislation. We have obtained all necessary gaming licenses to open a casino at the RICOHTM Arena Coventry in the summer of 2006 under the Gaming Act of 1968. We believe we are well positioned to develop a regional casino in Coventry should we be awarded a regional casino license.

#### Louisiana

In July 1991, Louisiana enacted legislation permitting certain types of gaming activity on certain rivers and waterways in Louisiana. The legislation granted authority to supervise riverboat gaming activities to the Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Commission and the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement

Division of the Louisiana State Police. The Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Commission was authorized to hear and determine all appeals relative to the granting, suspension, revocation, condition or renewal of all licenses, permits and applications. In addition, the Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Commission established regulations concerning authorized routes, duration of excursions, minimum levels of insurance, construction of riverboats and periodic inspections. The Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Division of the Louisiana State Police was authorized to investigate applicants and issue licenses, investigate violations of the statute and conduct continuing reviews of gaming activities.

In May 1996, regulatory oversight of riverboat gaming was transferred to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, which is comprised of nine voting members appointed by the governor. The Louisiana Gaming Control Board now oversees all licensing matters for riverboat casinos, land-based casinos, racinos, video poker and certain aspects of Native American gaming other than those responsibilities reserved to the Louisiana State Police.

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board is empowered to issue up to 15 licenses to conduct gaming activities on a riverboat of new construction in accordance with applicable law. However, no more than six licenses may be granted to riverboats operating from any one designated waterway.

The Louisiana State Police continues to be involved broadly in gaming enforcement and reports to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Louisiana law permits the Louisiana State Police, among other things, to continue to (1) conduct suitability investigations, (2) audit, investigate and enforce compliance with standing regulations, (3) initiate enforcement and administrative actions and (4) perform "all other duties and functions necessary for the efficient, efficacious, and thorough regulation and control of gaming activities and operations" under the Louisiana Gaming Control Board's jurisdiction.

Louisiana gaming law specifies certain restrictions relating to the operation of riverboat gaming, including the following:

- · agents of the Louisiana State Police are permitted on board at any time during gaming operations;
- gaming devices, equipment and supplies may only be purchased or leased from permitted suppliers and, with respect to gaming equipment, from permitted manufacturers;
- · gaming may only take place in the designated gaming area while the riverboat is docked on a designated river or waterway;
- gaming equipment may not be possessed, maintained or exhibited by any person on a riverboat except in the specifically designated gaming area or in a secure area used for inspection, repair or storage of such equipment;
  - · wagers may be received only from a person present on a licensed riverboat;
    - · persons under 21 are not permitted in designated gaming areas;
- · except for slot machine play, wagers may be made only with tokens, chips or electronic cards purchased from the licensee aboard a riverboat;
- · licensees may only use docking facilities and routes for which they are licensed and may only board and discharge passengers at the riverboat's licensed berth;
  - · licensees must have adequate protection and indemnity insurance;

- · licensees must have all necessary federal and state licenses, certificates and other regulatory approvals prior to operating a riverboat; and
  - · gaming may only be conducted in accordance with the terms of the license and Louisiana law.

To receive a gaming license in Louisiana, an applicant must be found to be a person of good character, honesty and integrity and a person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, reputation, habits and associations do not (1) pose a threat to the public interest of the State of Louisiana or to the effective regulation and control of gaming or (2) create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair or illegal practices, methods and activities in the conduct of gaming or the carrying on of business and financial arrangements of gaming activities. In addition, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board will not grant a license unless it finds that, among other things:

- the applicant can demonstrate the capability, either through training, education, business experience or a combination of the preceding, to operate a gaming operation;
- the proposed financing of the riverboat and the gaming operations is adequate for the nature of the proposed operation and is from a suitable and acceptable source;
- the applicant demonstrates a proven ability to operate a vessel of comparable size, capacity and complexity to a riverboat so as to ensure the safety of its passengers;
  - the applicant submits with its application for a license a detailed plan of design of the riverboat;
    - the applicant designates the docking facilities to be used by the riverboat;
    - the applicant shows adequate financial ability to construct and maintain a riverboat; and
  - the applicant has a good faith plan to recruit, train and upgrade minorities in all employment classifications.

An initial license to conduct riverboat gaming operations is valid for a term of five years and legislation passed in the 1999 legislative session provides for renewals every five years thereafter. Louisiana gaming law provides that a renewal application for the period succeeding the initial five-year term of an operator's license must be made to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and must include a statement under oath of any and all changes in information, including financial information, provided in the previous application. The transfer of a license or an interest in a license is prohibited. A gaming license is deemed to be a privilege under Louisiana law and, as such, may be denied, revoked, suspended, conditioned or limited at any time by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. The Isle-Bossier City and the Isle-Lake Charles each received a five-year renewal of their license on July 20, 1999.

On April 9, 2004, the Isle-Bossier City and the Isle-Lake Charles filed applications for a second five-year renewal of their three licenses. These five-year renewal applications were approved for Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership and Grand Palais Riverboat Incorporated on August 17, 2004 and St. Charles Gaming Company was approved on March 29, 2005.

Certain persons affiliated with a riverboat gaming licensee, including directors and officers of the licensee, directors and officers of any holding company of the licensee involved in gaming operations, persons holding 5% or greater interests in the licensee and persons exercising influence over a licensee, are subject to the application and suitability requirements of Louisiana gaming law.

The sale, purchase, assignment, transfer, pledge or other hypothecation, lease, disposition or acquisition by any person of securities that represent 5% or more of the total outstanding shares issued by a licensee is subject to the approval of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. A security issued by a licensee must generally disclose these restrictions. Prior approval from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board is required for the sale, purchase, assignment, transfer, pledge or other hypothecation, lease, disposition or acquisition of any ownership interest of 5% or more of any non-corporate licensee or for the transfer of any "economic interest" of 5% or more of any licensee or affiliated gaming person. An "economic interest" is defined as any interest whereby a person receives or is entitled to receive, by agreement or otherwise, a profit, gain, thing of value, loan, credit, security interest, ownership interest or other benefit.

Fees payable to the state for conducting gaming activities on a riverboat include (1) \$50,000 per riverboat for the first year of operation and \$100,000 per year per riverboat thereafter, plus (2) 18.5% of net gaming proceeds. Legislation was passed during the 2001 legislative session that allowed those riverboats that had been required to conduct cruises, including the riverboats at the Isle-Lake Charles, to remain permanently dockside beginning April 1, 2001. The legislation also increased the gaming tax for operators from 18.5% to 21.5%. A statute also authorizes local governing authorities to levy boarding fees. We currently have development agreements with certain local governing authorities in the jurisdictions in which we operate pursuant to which we make payments in lieu of boarding fees. In Bossier City, we have a development agreement with the Bossier Parish Police Jury pursuant to which we are required to pay 0.65% of net gaming proceeds until January 2007. This rate is more than the statutory amount of 0.63%. In addition to this 0.65%, the Bossier City operation is also subject to statutory boarding fees.

A licensee must notify and/or seek approval from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in connection with any withdrawals of capital, loans, advances or distributions in excess of 5% of retained earnings for a corporate licensee, or of capital accounts for a partnership or limited liability company licensee, upon completion of any such transaction. The Louisiana Gaming Control Board may issue an emergency order for not more than ten days prohibiting payment of profits, income or accruals by, or investments in, a licensee. Unless excepted or waived by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, riverboat gaming licensees and their affiliated gaming persons must notify the Louisiana Gaming Control Board 60 days prior to the receipt by any such persons of any loans or extensions of credit or modifications thereof. The Louisiana Gaming Control Board is required to investigate the reported loan, extension of credit or modification thereof and to determine whether an exemption exists on the requirement of prior written approval and, if such exemption is not applicable, to either approve or disapprove the transaction. If the Louisiana Gaming Control Board disapproves of a transaction, the transaction cannot be entered into by the licensee or affiliated gaming person. We are an affiliated gaming person of our subsidiaries that hold the licenses to conduct riverboat gaming at the Isle-Bossier City and the Isle-Lake Charles.

The failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements set forth above may result in the suspension or revocation of that licensee's gaming license. Additionally, if the Louisiana Gaming Control Board finds that the individual owner or holder of a security of a corporate license or intermediary company or any person with an economic interest in a licensee is not qualified under Louisiana law, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board may require, under penalty of suspension or revocation of the license, that the person not:

- · receive dividends or interest on securities of the corporation;
- · exercise directly or indirectly a right conferred by securities of the corporation;
  - · receive remuneration or economic benefit from the licensee;
  - · exercise significant influence over activities of the licensee; or

· continue its ownership or economic interest in the licensee.

A licensee must periodically report the following information to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, which is not confidential and is available for public inspection: (1) the licensee's net gaming proceeds from all authorized games, (2) the amount of net gaming proceeds tax paid and (3) all quarterly and annual financial statements presenting historical data, including annual financial statements that have been audited by an independent certified public auditor.

During the 1996 special session of the Louisiana legislature, legislation was enacted placing on the ballot for a statewide election a constitutional amendment limiting the expansion of gaming, which was subsequently passed by the voters. As a result, local option elections are required before new or additional forms of gaming can be brought into a parish.

Proposals to amend or supplement Louisiana's riverboat gaming statute are frequently introduced in the Louisiana State Legislature. There is no assurance that changes in Louisiana gaming law will not occur or that such changes will not have a material adverse effect on our business in Louisiana.

#### Mississippi

In June 1990, Mississippi enacted legislation legalizing dockside casino gaming for counties along the Mississippi River, which is the western border for most of the state, and the Gulf Coast, which is the southern border for most of the state. The legislation gave each of those counties the opportunity to hold a referendum on whether to allow dockside casino gaming within its boundaries.

Gaming vessels in Mississippi must be located on the Mississippi River, on navigable waters in eligible counties along the Mississippi River or in the waters lying south of the counties along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mississippi law permits unlimited stakes gaming on permanently moored vessels on a 24-hour basis and does not restrict the percentage of space that may be utilized for gaming. There are no limitations on the number of gaming licenses that may be issued in Mississippi.

The ownership and operation of gaming facilities in Mississippi are subject to extensive state and local regulation intended to:

- · prevent unsavory or unsuitable persons from having any direct or indirect involvement with gaming at any time or in any capacity;
  - · establish and maintain responsible accounting practices and procedures for gaming operations;
- · maintain effective control over the financial practices of licensees, including establishing minimum procedures for internal fiscal affairs and safeguarding of assets and revenues, providing reliable record keeping and making periodic reports;
  - · provide a source of state and local revenues through taxation and licensing fees;
    - · prevent cheating and fraudulent practices; and
  - ensure that gaming licensees, to the extent practicable, employ Mississippi residents.

The regulations are subject to amendment and interpretation by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Changes in Mississippi laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted in

Mississippi and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Mississippi gaming operations.

We are registered as a publicly traded corporation under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act. Our gaming operations in Mississippi are subject to regulatory control by the Mississippi Gaming Commission, the State Tax Commission and various other local, city and county regulatory agencies (collectively referred to as the "Mississippi Gaming Authorities"). Our subsidiaries have obtained gaming licenses from the Mississippi Gaming Authorities. We must obtain a waiver from the Mississippi Gaming Commission before beginning any proposed gaming operations outside of Mississippi. The licenses held by our Mississippi gaming operations have terms of three years and are not transferable. The Isle-Biloxi, the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Natchez and the Isle-Lula hold licenses effective from May 23, 2003, through May 22, 2006. There is no assurance that new licenses can be obtained at the end of each three-year period of a license. Moreover, the Mississippi Gaming Commission may, at any time, and for any cause it deems reasonable, revoke, suspend, condition, limit or restrict a license or approval to own shares of stock in our subsidiaries that operate in Mississippi.

Substantial fines for each violation of Mississippi's gaming laws or regulations may be levied against us, our subsidiaries and the persons involved. A violation under a gaming license held by a subsidiary of ours operating in Mississippi may be deemed a violation of all the other licenses held by us.

We, along with each of our Mississippi gaming subsidiaries, must periodically submit detailed financial, operating and other reports to the Mississippi Gaming Commission and/or the State Tax Commission. Numerous transactions, including substantially all loans, leases, sales of securities and similar financing transactions entered into by any of our Mississippi gaming subsidiaries must be reported to or approved by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. In addition, the Mississippi Gaming Commission may, at its discretion, require additional information about our operations.

Certain of our officers and employees and the officers, directors and certain key employees of our Mississippi gaming subsidiaries must be found suitable or be licensed by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. We believe that all required findings of suitability related to all of our Mississippi properties have been applied for or obtained, although the Mississippi Gaming Commission at its discretion may require additional persons to file applications for findings of suitability. In addition, any person having a material relationship or involvement with us may be required to be found suitable or licensed, in which case those persons must pay the costs and fees associated with such investigation. The Mississippi Gaming Commission may deny an application for a finding of suitability for any cause that it deems reasonable. Changes in certain licensed positions must be reported to the Mississippi Gaming Commission. In addition to its authority to deny an application for a finding of suitability, the Mississippi Gaming Commission has jurisdiction to disapprove a change in a licensed position. The Mississippi Gaming Commission has the power to require us and any of our Mississippi gaming subsidiaries to suspend or dismiss officers, directors and other key employees or to sever relationships with other persons who refuse to file appropriate applications or who the authorities find unsuitable to act in such capacities.

Employees associated with gaming must obtain work permits that are subject to immediate suspension under certain circumstances. The Mississippi Gaming Commission will refuse to issue a work permit to a person who has been convicted of a felony, committed certain misdemeanors or knowingly violated the Mississippi Gaming Control Act, and it may refuse to issue a work permit to a gaming employee for any other reasonable cause.

At any time, the Mississippi Gaming Commission has the power to investigate and require the finding of suitability of any record or beneficial stockholder of ours. The Mississippi Gaming Control Act requires any person who individually or in association with others acquires, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership of more than 5% of our common stock to report the acquisition to the Mississippi Gaming Commission, and such person may be required to be found suitable. In addition, the Mississippi Gaming Control Act requires any person who, individually or in association with others, becomes,

directly or indirectly, a beneficial owner of more than 10% of our common stock, as reported to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, to apply for a finding of suitability by the Mississippi Gaming Commission and pay the costs and fees that the Mississippi Gaming Commission incurs in conducting the investigation.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission has generally exercised its discretion to require a finding of suitability of any beneficial owner of more than 5% of a registered publicly traded corporation's stock. However, the Mississippi Gaming Commission has adopted a regulation that may permit certain "institutional" investors to obtain waivers that allow them to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, up to 15% (19% in certain specific instances) of the voting securities of a registered publicly traded corporation without a finding of suitability. If a stockholder who must be found suitable is a corporation, partnership or trust, it must submit detailed business and financial information, including a list of beneficial owners.

Any person who fails or refuses to apply for a finding of suitability or a license within 30 days after being ordered to do so by the Mississippi Gaming Commission may be found unsuitable. We believe that compliance by us with the licensing procedures and regulatory requirements of the Mississippi Gaming Commission will not affect the marketability of our securities. Any person found unsuitable who holds, directly or indirectly, any beneficial ownership of our securities beyond such time as the Mississippi Gaming Commission prescribes may be guilty of a misdemeanor. We are subject to disciplinary action if, after receiving notice that a person is unsuitable to be a stockholder or to have any other relationship with us or our subsidiaries operating casinos in Mississippi, we:

- · pay the unsuitable person any dividend or other distribution upon its voting securities;
- · recognize the exercise, directly or indirectly, of any voting rights conferred by its securities;
- · pay the unsuitable person any remuneration in any form for services rendered or otherwise, except in certain limited and specific circumstances; or
- fail to pursue all lawful efforts to require the unsuitable person to divest itself of the securities, including, if necessary, our immediate purchase of the securities for cash at a fair market value.

We may be required to disclose to the Mississippi Gaming Commission upon request the identities of the holders of any of our debt securities. In addition, under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act, the Mississippi Gaming Commission may, in its discretion, (1) require holders of our securities, including our notes, to file applications, (2) investigate such holders and (3) require such holders to be found suitable to own such securities. Although the Mississippi Gaming Commission generally does not require the individual holders of obligations such as the notes to be investigated and found suitable, the Mississippi Gaming Commission retains the discretion to do so for any reason, including but not limited to a default, or where the holder of the debt instrument exercises a material influence over the gaming operations of the entity in question. Any holder of debt securities required to apply for a finding of suitability must pay all investigative fees and costs of the Mississippi Gaming Commission in connection with such an investigation.

The Mississippi regulations provide that a change in control of us may not occur without the prior approval of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Mississippi law prohibits us from making a public offering of our securities without the approval of the Mississippi Gaming Commission if any part of the proceeds of the offering is to be used to finance the construction, acquisition or operation of gaming facilities in Mississippi, or to retire or extend obligations incurred for one or more such purposes. The Mississippi Gaming Commission has the authority to grant a continuous approval of securities offerings and has granted such approval for us, subject to renewal every two years.

Regulations of the Mississippi Gaming Commission prohibit certain repurchases of securities of publicly traded corporations registered with the Mississippi Gaming Commission, including holding companies such as ours, without prior approval of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Transactions covered by these regulations are generally aimed at discouraging repurchases of securities at a premium over market price from certain holders of greater than 3% of the outstanding securities of the registered publicly traded corporation. The regulations of the Mississippi Gaming Commission also require prior approval for a "plan of recapitalization" as defined in such regulations.

We must maintain in the State of Mississippi current stock ledgers, which may be examined by the Mississippi Gaming Authorities at any time. If any securities are held in trust by an agent or by a nominee, the record holder may be required to disclose the identity of the beneficial owner to the Mississippi Gaming Authorities. A failure to make such disclosure may be grounds for finding the record holder unsuitable. We must render maximum assistance in determining the identity of the beneficial owner.

Mississippi law requires that certificates representing shares of our common stock bear a legend to the general effect that the securities are subject to the Mississippi Gaming Control Act and regulations of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. The Mississippi Gaming Commission has the authority to grant a waiver from the legend requirement, which we have obtained. The Mississippi Gaming Commission, through the power to regulate licenses, has the power to impose additional restrictions on the holders of our securities at any time.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission enacted a regulation in 1994 requiring that, as a condition to licensure, an applicant must provide a plan to develop infrastructure facilities amounting to 25% of the cost of the casino and a parking facility capable of accommodating 500 cars. In 1999, the Mississippi Gaming Commission approved amendments to this regulation that increased the infrastructure development requirement from 25% to 100% for new casinos (or upon acquisition of a closed casino), but grandfathered existing licensees and development plans approved prior to the effective date of the new regulation. "Infrastructure facilities" include any of the following:

· a 250-room or larger hotel of at least a two-star rating as defined by the current edition of the Mobil Travel Guide;

- · theme parks;
- · golf courses;
  - · marinas;
- · entertainment facilities;
- · tennis complexes; and
- · any other facilities approved by the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

Parking facilities, roads, sewage and water systems or civic facilities are not considered "infrastructure facilities." The Mississippi Gaming Commission may reduce the number of rooms required in a hotel if it is satisfied that sufficient rooms are available to accommodate the anticipated number of visitors. In 2003, the Mississippi Gaming Commission again amended its regulations regarding development plan approval but left the 100% infrastructure requirement intact.

License fees and taxes are payable to the State of Mississippi and to the counties and cities in which a

Mississippi gaming subsidiary's respective operations will be conducted. The license fee payable to the state of Mississippi is based upon gross revenue of the licensee (generally defined as gaming receipts less payout to customers as winnings) and equals 4% of gross revenue of \$50,000 or less per month, 6% of gross revenue in excess of \$50,000 but less than \$134,000 per calendar month, and 8% of gross revenue in excess of \$134,000 per calendar month. The foregoing license fees are allowed as a credit against the licensee's Mississippi income tax liability for the year paid. Additionally, a licensee must pay a \$5,000 annual license fee and an annual fee based upon the number of games it operates. The gross revenue tax imposed by the Mississippi communities and counties in which our casino operations are located equals 0.4% of gross revenue of \$50,000 or less per calendar month, 0.6% of gross revenue over \$50,000 and less than \$134,000 per calendar month and 0.8% of gross revenue greater than \$134,000 per calendar month. These fees have been imposed in, among other cities and counties, Biloxi, Vicksburg, and Coahoma County. Certain local and private laws of the state of Mississippi may impose fees or taxes on the Mississippi gaming subsidiaries in addition to the fees described above.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission requires, as a condition of licensure or license renewal, that casino vessels on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that are not self-propelled must be moored to withstand a Category 4 hurricane with 155 mile-per-hour winds and 15-foot tidal surge. We believe that all of our Mississippi gaming locations currently meet this requirement. A 1996 Mississippi Gaming Commission regulation prescribes the hurricane emergency procedure to be used by the Mississippi Gulf Coast casinos.

The sale of food or alcoholic beverages at our Mississippi gaming locations is subject to licensing, control and regulation by the applicable state and local authorities. The agencies involved have full power to limit, condition, suspend or revoke any such license, and any such disciplinary action could (and revocation would) have a material adverse effect upon the operations of the affected casino or casinos. Certain of our officers and managers and our Mississippi gaming subsidiaries must be investigated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the State Tax Commission in connection with liquor permits that have been issued. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the State Tax Commission must approve all changes in licensed positions.

On three separate occasions since 1998, certain anti-gaming groups have proposed referenda that, if adopted, would have banned gaming in Mississippi and required that gaming entities cease operations within two years after the ban. All three referenda were declared invalid by Mississippi courts because each lacked a required government revenue impact statement.

# Missouri

Conducting gambling games and operating an excursion gambling boat in Missouri are subject to extensive regulation under Missouri's Riverboat Gambling Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Missouri Gaming Commission was created by the Missouri Riverboat Gambling Act and is charged with regulatory authority over riverboat gaming operations in Missouri, including the issuance of riverboat gaming licenses. In June 2000, IOC-Kansas City, Inc., a subsidiary of ours, was issued a riverboat gaming license in connection with our Kansas City operation. Additionally, in December 2001, IOC-Boonville, Inc., a subsidiary of ours, was issued a riverboat gaming license for our Boonville operation.

In order to obtain a riverboat gaming license, the proposed operating business entity must complete a Class A Riverboat Gaming Application, comprised of comprehensive application forms, including corroborating attachments, and undergo an extensive background investigation by the Missouri Gaming Commission. In addition, each key person associated with the applicant (including directors, officers, managers and owners of a significant direct or indirect interest in the applicant) must complete a Riverboat Gaming Application Form I and undergo a background investigation. Certain key business entities closely related to the applicant or "business entity key persons" must undergo a similar

application process and background check. An applicant will not receive a license to conduct gambling games and to operate an excursion gambling boat if the applicant and its key persons have not established good repute and moral character and no licensee shall either employ or contract with any person who has pled guilty to, or been convicted of, a felony, to perform any duties directly connected with the licensee's privileges under a license granted by the Commission. Each license granted entitles a licensee to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or to operate an excursion gambling boat and the equipment thereon from a specific location. The duration of the license initially runs for two one-year terms; thereafter, two-year terms. The Commission also licenses the serving of alcoholic beverages on riverboats and related facilities.

In determining whether to grant a license, the Commission considers the following factors, among others: (i) the integrity of the applicants; (ii) the types and variety of games the applicant may offer; (iii) the quality of the physical facility, together with improvements and equipment, and how soon the project will be completed; (iv) the financial ability of the applicant to develop and operate the facility successfully; (v) the status of governmental actions required by the facility; (vi) management ability of the applicant; (vii) compliance with applicable statutes, rules, charters and ordinances; (viii) the economic, ecological and social impact of the facility as well as the cost of public improvements; (ix) the extent of public support or opposition; (x) the plan adopted by the home dock city or county; and (xi) effects on competition.

A licensee is subject to the imposition of penalties, suspension or revocation of its license for any act that is injurious to the public health, safety, morals, good order, and general welfare of the people of the State of Missouri, or that would discredit or tend to discredit the Missouri gaming industry or the State of Missouri, including without limitation: (i) failing to comply with or make provision for compliance with the legislation, the rules promulgated thereunder or any federal, state or local law or regulation; (ii) failing to comply with any rules, order or ruling of the Missouri Gaming Commission or its agents pertaining to gaming; (iii) receiving goods or services from a person or business entity who does not hold a supplier's license but who is required to hold such license by the legislation or the rules; (iv) being suspended or ruled ineligible or having a license revoked or suspended in any state or gaming jurisdiction; (v) associating with, either socially or in business affairs, or employing persons of notorious or unsavory reputation or who have extensive police records, or who have failed to cooperate with any officially constituted investigatory or administrative body and would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming; (vi) employing in any Missouri gaming operation any person known to have been found guilty of cheating or using any improper device in connection with any gambling game; (vii) use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any license or permit issued pursuant to the legislation; (viii) obtaining any fee, charge, or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation; and (ix) incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties regulated by the Missouri Riverboat Gambling Act.

Any transfer or issuance of ownership interest in a publicly held gaming licensee or its holding company that results in an entity owning, directly or indirectly, an aggregate ownership interest of 5% or more in the gaming licensee must be reported to the Missouri Gaming Commission within seven days. Further, any pledge or hypothecation of 5% or more of the ownership interest in a publicly held gaming licensee or its holding company must be reported to the Missouri Gaming Commission within seven days.

Every employee participating in a riverboat gaming operation must hold an occupational license. In addition, the Missouri Gaming Commission issues supplier's licenses, which authorize the supplier licensee to sell or lease gaming equipment and supplies to any licensee involved in the operation of gaming operations.

Riverboat gaming operations may only be conducted on the Missouri River or Mississippi River. Although, all of the excursion gambling boats in Missouri are permanently moored boats or barges, a two

hour simulated cruise is imposed in order to ensure the enforcement of loss limit restrictions. Missouri law imposes a maximum loss per person per cruise of \$500. Minimum and maximum wagers on games are set by the licensee and wagering may be conducted only with a cashless wagering system, whereby money is converted to tokens, electronic cards or chips that can only be used for wagering. No person under the age of 21 is permitted to wager, and wagers may only be taken from a person present on a licensed excursion gambling boat.

The Missouri Riverboat Gambling Act imposes a 20% wagering tax on adjusted gross receipts (generally defined as gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers) from gambling games. The tax imposed is to be paid by the licensee to the Commission on the day after the day when the wagers were made. Of the proceeds of that tax, 10% goes to the local government where the home dock is located, and the remainder goes to the State of Missouri.

The Missouri Riverboat Gambling Act also requires that licensees pay a \$2.00 admission tax to the Missouri Gaming Commission for each person admitted to a gaming cruise. The licensee is required to maintain public books and records clearly showing amounts received from admission fees, the total amount of gross receipts and the total amount of adjusted gross receipts. In addition, all local income, earnings, use, property and sales taxes are applicable to licensees. There have been from time to time pending before the Missouri General Assembly several proposed bills which individually or in combination would, if adopted, (1) remove the loss limit restriction, (2) adjust the amount of wagering tax imposed on adjusted gross receipts of licensees and/or (3) adjust the amount of admission tax paid by the licensee for each person admitted for a gaming cruise.

#### Iowa

In 1989, the State of Iowa legalized riverboat gaming on the Mississippi River and other waterways located in Iowa. The legislation authorized the granting of licenses to non-profit corporations that, in turn, are permitted to enter into operating agreements with qualified persons who also actually conduct riverboat gaming operations. Such operators must likewise be approved and licensed by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (the "Iowa Gaming Commission").

The Isle-Bettendorf has the right to renew its operator's contract with the Scott County Regional Authority, a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of facilitating riverboat gaming in Bettendorf, Iowa, for succeeding three-year periods as long as Scott County voters approve gaming in the jurisdiction. Under the operator's contract, the Isle-Bettendorf pays the Scott County Regional Authority a fee equal to 4.1% of the adjusted gross receipts. Further, the Isle-Bettendorf pays a fee to the City of Bettendorf equal to 1.65% of adjusted gross receipts.

In June 1994, Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation, a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of facilitating riverboat gaming in Marquette, Iowa, entered into an operator's agreement for the Isle-Marquette for a period of twenty-five years. Under the management agreement, the non-profit organization is to be paid a fee of \$0.50 per passenger. Further, pursuant to a dock site agreement (which also has a term of twenty-five years), the Isle-Marquette is required to pay a fee to the City of Marquette in the amount of \$1.00 per passenger, plus a fixed amount of \$15,000 per month and 2.5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$20.0 million but less than \$40.0 million; 5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$40.0 million but less than \$60.0 million; and 7.5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$60.0 million.

In October 2000, the Riverboat Development Authority, a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of facilitating riverboat gaming in Davenport, Iowa, entered into an operator's agreement with the Isle-Davenport to conduct riverboat gaming in Davenport, Iowa. The operating agreement requires the Isle-Davenport to make weekly payments to the qualified sponsoring organization equal to 4.1% of each week's adjusted gross receipts (as defined in the enabling legislation) or \$38,461.54, whichever is greater.

This agreement will remain in effect through March 31, 2009 and may be extended by the Isle-Davenport so long as it holds a license to conduct gaming. In addition, the Isle-Davenport pays a docking fee, gaming tax and a payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Davenport. Pursuant to a development agreement with the City, the Isle-Davenport has exclusive docking privileges in the City of Davenport until March 31, 2017 in consideration for this docking fee. The docking fee has both a fixed base and a per passenger increment. The fixed fee commenced April 1, 1994 at \$111,759 and increases annually by 4%. The incremental component is a \$0.10 charge for each passenger in excess of 1,117,579 passengers (which charge also increases by 4% per year). The City is also guaranteed an annual gaming tax of \$558,789.50 per year (based on a minimum passenger floor count of 1,117,579 passengers at \$0.50 per passenger). Finally, the Isle-Davenport is obligated to pay a payment in lieu of taxes to support the downtown development district. This annual lump sum payment is in the amount of \$123,516 plus \$0.20 per passenger in excess of 1,117,579 passengers. This payment in lieu of taxes is further subject to a minimum \$226,179 per year payment.

Iowa law permits gaming licensees to offer unlimited stakes gaming on games approved by the Iowa Gaming Commission on a 24-hour basis. Dockside casino gaming is authorized and the Iowa Gaming Commission now permits licensees the option to operate on permanently moored vessels or moored barges. The legal age for gaming is 21.

All Iowa licenses were approved for renewal at the March 3, 2005 Iowa Gaming Commission meeting. These licenses are not transferable and will need to be renewed in March 2006 and prior to the commencement of each subsequent annual renewal period.

The ownership and operation of gaming facilities in Iowa are subject to extensive state laws, regulations of the Iowa Gaming Commission and various county and municipal ordinances (collectively, the "Iowa Gaming Laws"), concerning the responsibility, financial stability and character of gaming operators and persons financially interested or involved in gaming operations. Iowa Gaming Laws seek to: (1) prevent unsavory or unsuitable persons from having direct or indirect involvement with gaming at any time or in any capacity; (2) establish and maintain responsible accounting practices and procedures; (3) maintain effective control over the financial practices of licensees (including the establishment of minimum procedures for internal fiscal affairs, the safeguarding of assets and revenues, the provision of reliable record keeping and the filing of periodic reports with the Iowa Gaming Commission); (4) prevent cheating and fraudulent practices; and (5) provide a source of state and local revenues through taxation and licensing fees. Changes in Iowa Gaming Laws could have a material adverse effect on the Iowa gaming operations.

Gaming licenses granted to individuals must be renewed every year, and licensing authorities have broad discretion with regard to such renewals. Licenses are not transferable. The Iowa gaming operations must submit detailed financial and operating reports to the Iowa Gaming Commission. Certain contracts of licensees in excess of \$100,000 must be submitted to and approved by the Iowa Gaming Commission.

Certain officers, directors, managers and key employees of the Iowa gaming operations are required to be licensed by the Iowa Gaming Commission. Employees associated with gaming must obtain work permits that are subject to immediate suspension under specific circumstances. In addition, anyone having a material relationship or involvement with the Iowa gaming operations may be required to be found suitable or to be licensed, in which case those persons would be required to pay the costs and fees of the Iowa Gaming Commission in connection with the investigation. The Iowa Gaming Commission may deny an application for a license for any cause deemed reasonable. In addition to its authority to deny an application for license, the Iowa Gaming Commission has jurisdiction to disapprove a change in position by officers or key employees and the power to require the Iowa gaming operations to suspend or dismiss officers, directors or other key employees or sever relationships with other persons who refuse to file appropriate applications or whom the Iowa Gaming Commission finds unsuitable to act in such capacities.

The Iowa Gaming Commission may revoke a gaming license if the licensee:

- · has been suspended from operating a gaming operation in another jurisdiction by a board or commission of that jurisdiction;
- · has failed to demonstrate financial responsibility sufficient to meet adequately the requirements of the gaming enterprise;
  - · is not the true owner of the enterprise;
  - · has failed to disclose ownership of other persons in the enterprise;
- is a corporation 10% of the stock of which is subject to a contract or option to purchase at any time during the period for which the license was issued, unless the contract or option was disclosed to the Iowa Gaming Commission and the Iowa Gaming Commission approved the sale or transfer during the period of the license;
  - · knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact to the Iowa Gaming Commission;
    - · fails to meet a monetary obligation in connection with an excursion gaming boat;
      - · pleads guilty to, or is convicted of a felony;
- · loans to any person, money or other thing of value for the purpose of permitting that person to wager on any game of chance:
- · is delinquent in the payment of property taxes or other taxes or fees or a payment of any other contractual obligation or debt due or owed to a city or county; or
- · assigns, grants or turns over to another person the operation of a licensed excursion boat (this provision does not prohibit assignment of a management contract approved by the Iowa Gaming Commission) or permits another person to have a share of the money received for admission to the excursion boat.

If it were determined that the Iowa Gaming Laws were violated by a licensee, the gaming licenses held by a licensee could be limited, made conditional, suspended or revoked. In addition, the licensee and the persons involved could be subject to substantial fines for each separate violation of the Iowa Gaming Laws in the discretion of the Iowa Gaming Commission. Limitations, conditioning or suspension of any gaming license could (and revocation of any gaming license would) have a material adverse effect on operations.

The Iowa Gaming Commission may also require any individual who has a material relationship with the Iowa gaming operations to be investigated and licensed or found suitable. The Iowa Gaming Commission, prior to the acquisition, must approve any person who acquires 5% or more of a licensee's equity securities. The applicant stockholder is required to pay all costs of this investigation.

Gaming taxes approximating 22% of the adjusted gross receipts will be payable by each licensee on its operations to the State of Iowa. In addition, there will be two prepaid assessments due on June 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006 in an amount equal to 2.152% of each licensee's adjusted gross receipts for fiscal year 2004. These assessments will be offset by future state gaming taxes paid by each licensee with a credit for 20% of the assessments paid allowed each year beginning July 1, 2010 for five consecutive years.

The state of Iowa is also reimbursed by the licensees for all costs associated with monitoring and enforcement by the Iowa Gaming Commission and the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation.

#### Colorado

The State of Colorado created the Division of Gaming (the "Colorado Division") within the Department of Revenue to license, implement, regulate and supervise the conduct of limited gaming under the Colorado Limited Gaming Act. The Director of the Colorado Division (the "Colorado Director"), pursuant to regulations promulgated by, and subject to the review of, a five-member Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission (the "Colorado Commission"), has been granted broad power to ensure compliance with the Colorado gaming laws and regulations (collectively, the "Colorado Regulations"). The Colorado Director may inspect without notice, impound or remove any gaming device. The Colorado Director may examine and copy any licensee's records, may investigate the background and conduct of licensees and their employees, and may bring disciplinary actions against licensees and their employees. The Colorado Director may also conduct detailed background investigations of persons who loan money to, or otherwise provide financing to, a licensee.

The Colorado Commission is empowered to issue five types of gaming and gaming-related licenses, and has delegated authority to the Colorado Director to issue certain types of licenses and approve certain changes in ownership. The licenses are revocable and non-transferable. The failure or inability of the Isle of Capri Black Hawk, LLC "Isle-Black Hawk" or CCSC/Blackhawk, Inc "Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk" (each, a "Colorado Casino" or collectively, the "Colorado Casinos"), or the failure or inability of others associated with any of the Colorado Casinos, including us, to maintain necessary gaming licenses or approvals would have a material adverse effect on our operations. All persons employed by any of the Colorado Casinos, and involved, directly or indirectly, in gaming operations in Colorado also are required to obtain a Colorado gaming license. All licenses must be renewed annually, except those for key and support employees, which must be renewed every two years.

As a general rule, under the Colorado Regulations, no person may have an "ownership interest" in more than three retail gaming licenses in Colorado. The Colorado Commission has ruled that a person does not have an ownership interest in a retail gaming licensee for purposes of the multiple license prohibition if:

- that person has less than a 5% ownership interest in an institutional investor that has an ownership interest in a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;
- a person has a 5% or more ownership interest in an institutional investor, but the institutional investor has less than a 5% ownership interest in a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;
- an institutional investor has less than a 5% ownership interest in a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;
- an institutional investor possesses voting securities in a fiduciary capacity for another person, and does not exercise voting control over 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or of a publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;
- a registered broker or dealer retains possession of voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or of a publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee for its customers and not for its own account, and exercises voting rights for less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee:
- · a registered broker or dealer acts as a market maker for the stock of a publicly traded licensee or of a publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee and exercises voting rights in less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of

the publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;

- an underwriter is holding securities of a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee as part of an underwriting for no more than 90 days after the beginning of such underwriting if it exercises voting rights of less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee;
- · a book entry transfer facility holds voting securities for third parties, if it exercises voting rights with respect to less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee; or
- a person's sole ownership interest is less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of the publicly traded licensee or publicly traded company affiliated with a licensee.

Because we own the Colorado Casinos, our business opportunities, and those of persons with an "ownership interest" in us, or any of the Colorado Casinos, are limited to interests that comply with the Colorado Regulations and the Colorado Commission's rule.

In addition, pursuant to the Colorado Regulations, no manufacturer or distributor of slot machines or associated equipment may, without notification being provided to the Colorado Division within ten days, knowingly have an interest in any casino operator, allow any of its officers or any other person with a substantial interest in such business to have such an interest, employ any person if that person is employed by a casino operator, or allow any casino operator or person with a substantial interest therein to have an interest in a manufacturer's or distributor's business. A "substantial interest" means the lesser of (i) as large an interest in an entity as any other person or (ii) any financial or equity interest equal to or greater than 5%. The Colorado Commission has ruled that a person does not have a "substantial interest" if such person's sole ownership interest in such licensee is through the ownership of less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of a publicly traded licensee or publicly traded affiliated company of a licensee.

We are a "publicly traded corporation" under the Colorado Regulations.

Under the Colorado Regulations, any person or entity having any direct or indirect interest in a gaming licensee or an applicant for a gaming license, including, but not limited to, us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos and their security holders, may be required to supply the Colorado Commission with substantial information, including, but not limited to, background information, source of funding information, a sworn statement that such person or entity is not holding his or her interest for any other party, and fingerprints. Such information, investigation and licensing (or finding of suitability) as an "associated person" automatically will be required of all persons (other than certain institutional investors discussed below) which directly or indirectly beneficially own 10% or more of a direct or indirect beneficial ownership or interest in either of the two Colorado Casinos, through their beneficial ownership of any class of voting securities of us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos. Those persons must report their interest within 10 days and file appropriate applications within 45 days after acquiring that interest. Persons who directly or indirectly beneficially own 5% or more (but less than 10%) of a direct or indirect beneficial

ownership or interest in either of the two Colorado Casinos, through their beneficial ownership of any class of voting securities of us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos, must report their interest to the Colorado Commission within 10 days after acquiring that interest and may be required to provide additional information and to be found suitable. (It is the current practice of the gaming regulators to require findings of suitability for persons beneficially owning 5% or more of a direct or indirect beneficial ownership or interest, other than certain institutional investors discussed below.) If certain institutional investors provide specified information to the Colorado Commission and are holding for investment purposes only, those investors, in the Colorado Commission's discretion, may be permitted to own up to 14.99% of the Colorado Casinos through their beneficial ownership in any class of voting of securities of us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos, before being required to be found suitable. All licensing and investigation fees will have to be paid by the person in question. The associated person investigation fee currently is \$62 per hour.

The Colorado Regulations define a "voting security" to be a security the holder of which is entitled to vote generally for the election of a member or members of the board of directors or board of trustees of a corporation or a comparable person or persons of another form of business organization.

The Colorado Commission also has the right to request information from any person directly or indirectly interested in, or employed by, a licensee, and to investigate the moral character, honesty, integrity, prior activities, criminal record, reputation, habits and associations of: (1) all persons licensed pursuant to the Colorado Limited Gaming Act; (2) all officers, directors and stockholders of a licensed privately held corporation; (3) all officers, directors and stockholders holding either a 5% or greater interest or a controlling interest in a licensed publicly traded corporation; (4) all general partners and all limited partners of a licensed partnership; (5) all persons that have a relationship similar to that of an officer, director or stockholder of a corporation (such as members and managers of a limited liability company); (6) all persons supplying financing or loaning money to any licensee connected with the establishment or operation of limited gaming; (7) all persons having a contract, lease or ongoing financial or business arrangement with any licensee, where such contract, lease or arrangement relates to limited gaming operations, equipment devices or premises; and (8) all persons contracting with or supplying any goods and services to the gaming regulators.

Certain public officials and employees are prohibited from having any direct or indirect interest in a license or limited gaming.

In addition, under the Colorado Regulations, every person who is a party to a "gaming contract" (as defined below) or lease with an applicant for a license, or with a licensee, upon the request of the Colorado Commission or the Colorado Director, must promptly provide the Colorado Commission or Colorado Director all information that may be requested concerning financial history, financial holdings, real and personal property ownership, interests in other companies, criminal history, personal history and associations, character, reputation in the community and all other information that might be relevant to a determination of whether a person would be suitable to be licensed by the Colorado Commission. Failure to provide all information requested constitutes sufficient grounds for the Colorado Director or the Colorado Commission to require a licensee or applicant to terminate its "gaming contract" or lease with any person who failed to provide the information requested. In addition, the Colorado Director or the Colorado Commission may require changes in "gaming contracts" before an application is approved or participation in the contract is allowed. A "gaming contract" is defined as an agreement in which a person does business with or on the premises of a licensed entity.

The Colorado Commission and the Colorado Division have interpreted the Colorado Regulations to permit the Colorado Commission to investigate and find suitable persons or entities providing financing to or acquiring securities from us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos. As noted above, any

person or entity required to file information, be licensed or found suitable would be required to pay the costs thereof and of any investigation. Although the Colorado Regulations do not require the prior approval for the execution of credit facilities or issuance of debt securities, the Colorado regulators reserve the right to approve, require changes to or require the termination of any financing, including if a person or entity is required to be found suitable and is not found suitable. In any event, lenders, note holders, and others providing financing will not be able to exercise certain rights and remedies without the prior approval of the Colorado gaming authorities. Information regarding lenders and holders of securities will be periodically reported to the Colorado gaming authorities.

Except under certain limited circumstances relating to slot machine manufacturers and distributors, every person supplying goods, equipment, devices or services to any licensee in return for payment of a percentage, or calculated upon a percentage, of limited gaming activity or income must obtain an operator license or be listed on the retailer's license where such gaming will take place.

An application for licensure or suitability may be denied for any cause deemed reasonable by the Colorado Commission or the Colorado Director, as appropriate. Specifically, the Colorado Commission and the Colorado Director must deny a license to any applicant who, among other things: (1) fails to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant is qualified; (2) fails to provide information and documentation requested; (3) fails to reveal any fact material to qualification, or supplies information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact pertaining to qualification; (4) has been convicted of, or has a director, officer, general partner, stockholder, limited partner or other person who has a financial or equity interest in the applicant who has been convicted of, specified crimes, including the service of a sentence upon conviction of a felony in a correctional facility, city or county jail, or community correctional facility or under the state board of parole or any probation department within ten years prior to the date of the application, gambling-related offenses, theft by deception or crimes involving fraud or misrepresentation, is under current prosecution for such crimes (during the pendency of which license determination may be deferred), is a career offender or a member or associate of a career offender cartel, or is a professional gambler; or (5) has refused to cooperate with any state or federal body investigating organized crime, official corruption or gaming offenses. If the Colorado Commission determines that a person or entity is unsuitable to directly or indirectly own interests in us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., or either of the two Colorado Casinos, one or more of the Colorado Casinos may be sanctioned, which may include the loss of our approvals and licenses.

The Colorado Commission does not need to approve in advance a public offering of securities but rather requires the filing of notice and additional documents prior to a public offering of (i) voting securities, and (ii) non-voting securities if any of the proceeds will be used to pay for the construction of gaming facilities in Colorado, to directly or indirectly acquire an interest in a gaming facility in Colorado, to finance the operation of a gaming facility in Colorado or to retire or extend obligations for any of the foregoing. The Colorado Commission may, in its discretion, require additional information and prior approval of such public offering.

In addition, the Colorado Regulations prohibit a licensee or affiliated company thereof, such as us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or either of the two Colorado Casinos, from paying any unsuitable person any dividends or interest upon any voting securities or any payments or distributions of any kind (except as set forth below), or paying any unsuitable person any remuneration for services or recognizing the exercise of any voting rights by any unsuitable person. Further, under the Colorado Regulations, each of the Colorado Casinos and IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC may repurchase its voting securities from anyone found unsuitable at the lesser of the cash equivalent to the original investment in the applicable Colorado Casino or IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or the current market price as of the date of the finding of unsuitability unless such voting securities are transferred to a suitable person (as determined by the Colorado Commission) within sixty (60) days after the finding of unsuitability. A licensee or affiliated company must pursue all lawful efforts to require an unsuitable person to relinquish all voting securities,

including purchasing such voting securities. The staff of Colorado Division has taken the position that a licensee or affiliated company may not pay any unsuitable person any interest, dividends or other payments with respect to non-voting securities, other than with respect to pursuing all lawful efforts to require an unsuitable person to relinquish non-voting securities, including by purchasing or redeeming such securities. Further, the regulations require anyone with a material involvement with a licensee, including a director or officer of a holding company, such as us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or any of the three Colorado Casinos, to file for a finding of suitability if required by the Colorado Commission.

Because of their authority to deny an application for a license or suitability, the Colorado Commission and the Colorado Director effectively can disapprove a change in corporate position of a licensee and with respect to any entity which is required to be found suitable, or indirectly can cause us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., IOC Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC or the applicable Colorado Casino to suspend or dismiss managers, officers, directors and other key employees or sever relationships with other persons who refuse to file appropriate applications or who the authorities find unsuitable to act in such capacities.

Generally, a sale, lease, purchase, conveyance or acquisition of a controlling interest in a licensee is prohibited without the Colorado Commission's prior approval. Persons may acquire a non-controlling interest in us without the Colorado Commission's prior approval, but such persons may be required to file notices with the Colorado Commission and applications for suitability (as discussed above) and the Colorado Commission may, after such acquisition, find such person unsuitable and require them to dispose of their interest. Under some circumstances, we may not sell any interest in our Colorado gaming businesses without the prior approval of the Colorado Commission.

Each Colorado Casino must meet specified architectural requirements, fire safety standards and standards for access for disabled persons. Each Colorado Casino also must not exceed specified gaming square footage limits as a total of each floor and the full building. Each Colorado Casino may operate only between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., and may permit only individuals 21 or older to gamble in the casino. It may permit slot machines, blackjack and poker, with a maximum single bet of \$5.00. No Colorado Casino may provide credit to its gaming patrons.

A licensee is required to provide information and file periodic reports with the Colorado Division, including identifying those who have a 5% or greater ownership, financial or equity interest in the licensee, or who have the ability to control the licensee, or who have the ability to exercise significant influence over the licensee, or who loan money or other things of value to a licensee, or who have the right to share in revenues of limited gaming, or to whom any interest or share in profits of limited gaming has been pledged as security for a debt or performance of an act. A licensee, and any parent company or subsidiary of a licensee, who has applied to a foreign jurisdiction for licensure or permission to conduct gaming, or who possesses a license to conduct foreign gaming, is required to notify the Colorado Division. Any person licensed by the Colorado Commission and any associated person of a licensee must report criminal convictions and criminal charges to the Colorado Division.

The Colorado Commission has broad authority to sanction, fine, suspend and revoke a license for violations of the Colorado Regulations. Violations of many provisions of the Colorado Regulations also can result in criminal penalties.

The Colorado Constitution currently permits gaming only in a limited number of cities and certain commercial districts in such cities.

The Colorado Constitution permits a gaming tax of up to 40% on adjusted gross gaming proceeds, and authorizes the Colorado Commission to change the rate annually. The current gaming tax rate is 0.25% on adjusted gross gaming proceeds of up to and including \$2.0 million, 2% over \$2.0 million up to

and including \$4.0 million, 4% over \$4.0 million up to and including \$5.0 million, 11% over \$5.0 million up to and including \$10.0 million, 16% over \$10.0 million up to and including \$15.0 million and 20% on adjusted gross gaming proceeds in excess of \$15.0 million. The City of Black Hawk has imposed an annual device fee of \$750 per gaming device and may revise it from time to time. The City of Black Hawk also has imposed other fees, including a business improvement district fee and transportation fee, calculated based on the number of devices and may revise the same or impose additional such fees.

Colorado participates in multi-state lotteries.

The sale of alcoholic beverages is subject to licensing, control and regulation by the Colorado liquor agencies. All persons who directly or indirectly hold a 10% or more interest in, or 10% or more of the issued and outstanding capital stock of, any of the Colorado Casinos, through their ownership of us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., or either of the two Colorado Casinos, must file applications and possibly be investigated by the Colorado liquor agencies. The Colorado liquor agencies also may investigate those persons who, directly or indirectly, loan money to or have any financial interest in liquor licensees. In addition, there are restrictions on stockholders, directors and officers of liquor licensees preventing such persons from being a stockholder, director, officer or otherwise interested in some persons lending money to liquor licensees and from making loans to other liquor licensees. All licenses are revocable and transferable only in accordance with all applicable laws. The Colorado liquor agencies have the full power to limit, condition, suspend or revoke any liquor license and any disciplinary action could (and revocation would) have a material adverse effect upon the operations of us, Casino America of Colorado, Inc., IC Holdings Colorado, Inc., or the applicable Colorado Casino. Each Colorado Casino holds a retail gaming tavern liquor license for its casino, hotel and restaurant operations.

Currently, no person directly or indirectly interested in any of the Colorado Casinos may be directly or indirectly interested in many other types of liquor licenses, but may have an interest in a hotel and restaurant liquor license. No person can hold more than three retail gaming tavern liquor licenses. The remedies of certain lenders may be limited by applicable liquor laws and regulations.

#### Florida

On June 15, 1995, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, acting through its division of pari-mutuel wagering (the "Florida Division"), issued its final order approving Pompano Park as a pari-mutuel wagering permit holder for harness and quarter horse racing at Pompano Park. The Florida Division approved Pompano Park's license to conduct a total of 149 live evening performances for the season beginning July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Although we do not presently intend to conduct quarter horse racing operations at Pompano Park, we may do so in the future, subject to Florida Division approval. The Florida Division must approve any transfer of 10% or more of stock of a pari-mutuel racing permit holder such as Pompano Park.

The Florida Statute and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder (the "Florida Statute") establish license fees, the tax structure on pari-mutuel permit holders and minimum purse requirements for breeders and owners. The Florida Division may revoke or suspend any permit or license upon the willful violation by the permit holder or licensee of any provision of the Florida Statute. Instead of suspending or revoking a permit or license, the Florida Division may impose various civil penalties on the permit holder or licensee. Penalties may not exceed \$1,000 for each count or separate offense.

Pursuant to a Florida Division order and recent enactments to the Florida Statute, Pompano Park is also authorized to conduct full-card pari-mutuel wagering on: (1) simulcast harness races from outside Florida throughout the racing season and (2) night thoroughbred races within Florida if the thoroughbred permit holder has decided to simulcast night races. Pompano Park has been granted the exclusive right in Florida to conduct full-card simulcasting of harness racing on days during which no live racing is held at

Pompano Park. However, on non-race days, Pompano Park must offer to rebroadcast its simulcast signals to pari-mutuel facilities that are not thoroughbred parks in Pompano Park's market area. In addition, Pompano Park may transmit its live races into any dog racing or jai alai facility in Florida, including Dade and Broward counties, for intertrack wagering. The Florida Statute establishes the percentage split between Pompano Park and the other facilities receiving such signals. Recent legislation in Florida provided certain reductions in applicable tax and license fees related to intertrack wagering on broadcasts of simulcast harness racing and thoroughbred racing. We believe that simulcast rights at Pompano Park and the recent changes in the Florida Statute are important to Pompano Park's operating results.

The Florida Statute permits pari-mutuel facilities licensed by the Florida Division to operate card rooms in those counties in which a majority vote of the County Commission has been obtained and a local ordinance has been adopted. Pompano Park reopened its card room in fiscal year 2004 after State Legislation was amended authorizing card game pot limits to be eliminated and bets limits of \$2 per bet were imposed.

#### **Bahamas**

In 1969, the Government of The Bahamas enacted the Lotteries and Gaming Act. This legislation, together with its regulations, governs and regulates gaming. The Gaming Board is the body that regulates the operation of casinos. The gaming license is renewable annually. All casino workers must be approved by the Board and are issued certificates, which are also renewable on an annual basis. There is a basic annual gaming tax of \$200,000 payable in six equal shares. In addition a winnings tax is also imposed and is based on the following scale:

Winnings of\$10,000,000	25%
\$10,000,001 - \$16,000,000	20%
\$16,000,001 - \$20,000,000	10%
amounts exceeding	
\$20,000,001	5%

The Minister of Tourism has responsibility for gaming and acts in consultation with the Gaming Board. A license can be cancelled if a fraudulent or misleading representation has been supplied to the Board or if there is a breach of restrictions or conditions imposed by the Minister. There is however a right to be heard before cancellation is made final. Citizens, permanent residents and holders of work permits are prohibited from gambling. Those found doing so are guilty of an offense punishable by law. The operator may also be liable if it knowingly allows any such persons to gamble in its establishment.

Currently the Casino has an agreement to lease the premises housing its operations and a management agreement. The Casino holds a number of other licenses including one with the Port Authority of Grand Bahama, a business license and liquor and dining and dancing licenses.

#### **United Kingdom**

Gaming and gaming facilities in the UK are currently subject to regulation under the Gaming Act of 1968 (the "Gaming Act"). Under the Gaming Act, the Gaming Board for Great Britain (the "Gaming Board") is charged with ensuring compliance with the Gaming Act and the regulations promulgated under the Gaming Act. Pursuant to its regulatory authority, the Gaming Board has issued detailed guidelines that govern licensing procedures as well as the management, operation and supervision of gaming facilities. (See further regarding new Gambling Act 2005).

The Gaming Act specifies that only individuals that have been a resident of Great Britain for at least six months or a company incorporated in Great Britain can apply for a license to operate, or operate, a casino in Great Britain. The

Gaming Act does not prohibit foreign ownership in casinos operated by a

resident of Great Britain. Casinos can be located only in certain designated areas known as "permitted areas," of which there currently are fifty-three; 142 gaming facilities currently are operating in these permitted areas.

A casino operator must obtain a Certificate of Consent from the Gaming Board prior to submitting an application for a gaming license. Before it grants a Certificate of Consent, the Gaming Board must be satisfied that the applicant is "fit and proper" to operate a gaming facility. To be deemed fit and proper, the applicant must convince the Gaming Board of its ability to diligently comply with the Gaming Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicant also must convince the Board that gaming in the proposed gaming facility would be conducted fairly and properly and without disorder or disturbance. The Board also evaluates the character, reputation and financial standing of both the applicant and any entity that would operate or hold a significant ownership interest in the gaming facility.

The Certificate of Consent, if granted, permits the recipient to apply for a gaming license for a specific location. Additional Certificates of Consent are required for additional locations. The Certificate of Consent requires that any gaming license application be submitted within one year and may restrict the type of gaming for which the applicant may seek a license.

The applicant must submit an application to a Justice of the local Magistrates Court (the "Licensing Justice"), seeking a license to provide commercial gaming in the location specified by the Certificate of Consent. The license application must include the name and description of the facility to be used for gaming. A copy of the application also must be filed with the Gaming Board, a designated officer of the police, the relevant local authority, the relevant fire authority and the relevant collector of duty. Within 14 days of submitting the license application, the applicant must publish a notice in the local newspaper stating that such application has been made. The applicant also must post notice outside the facility for which the gaming license has been requested. A copy of the newspaper notice must be sent to the licensing authority before the application will be considered.

Gaming Board regulations provide guidelines under which the Licensing Justices review license applications. Under current regulations, before granting a license, the Justice must determine that there exists "substantial demand for gaming facilities of the kind proposed to be provided on the relevant premises." The Justice also must be satisfied that current gaming facilities are either not available in an area that is reasonably accessible to prospective players or, where such facilities are available, the current gaming facilities are insufficient to meet current demand. The Justice also must evaluate the suitability of the proposed gaming facility, including the lay-out of the facility and the character, condition and location of the facility, and whether the applicant is fit and proper to be a holder of the license under the Gaming Act.

The Gaming Board regulations also establish detailed guidelines governing the operation, management and supervision of gaming facilities. Under the Gaming Board guidelines, an inspector must supervise the croupiers who are normally in charge of two gaming tables, under the direction of a pit boss. The role of the inspector is to verify large payouts, ensure compliance with gaming regulations, confirm verbal bets and resolve player disputes. Gaming Board guidelines also require that management and inspectors have a clear view of the tables and all players at all times. Gaming facilities also must be designed to permit adequate supervision by the police and the Gaming Board's inspectors.

The transfer of 15% or more of the voting power of a casino triggers an obligation on the part of the holder of the existing Certificate of Consent to apply to the Gaming Board for a continuance of its Certificate of Consent. The Gaming Board will evaluate whether the transferee is fit and proper to hold a gaming license and meets the tests discussed above.

The government of the UK recently enacted new legislation to liberalize gaming in a socially responsive manner in light of developments in the industry and new technology. The Gambling Act was

passed by the UK Parliament on 8 April 2005 and will be implemented in stages. Under the new legislation, a new Gambling Commission will be created to oversee license applications and establish new regulations for gaming (including on-line gaming) in the UK. It is anticipated that it will take over responsibilities from the Gaming Board in the fall of 2005 and work on the transition is in progress to meet this objective. The legislation will provide a significant change in regulation of the casino industry including:

- · removing the requirement that gaming facilities operate as private members' clubs, including the statutorily prescribed 24-hour interval between membership and play;
  - · extending the gaming products available;
  - · abolishing the demand test and permitted area rules;
  - · allowing large casinos specific numbers of gaming machines with a broader range of stakes and prizes;
    - · allowing casinos to offer live entertainment and to advertise; and
      - · allowing a new category of regional casinos.

In order to pass the legislation, having regard to the UK General Election on 5 May 2005, the Government agreed to limit the number of Regional Casinos (such as that planned in Coventry) to one on a pilot basis. An increase in the number of regional casinos can be approved by a Ministerial Order using the affirmative resolution procedure, which will require that the order is affirmed by a vote of both Houses of Parliament.

In the meantime, the company has obtained all necessary Gaming Licenses to open a casino under the current legislation (Gaming Act 1968) and such plans are proceeding with a view to opening a smaller scale casino at the RICOH TM Arena in Coventry in 2006.

#### **Non-Gaming Regulation**

We are subject to certain federal, state and local safety and health, employment and environmental laws, regulations and ordinances that apply to non-gaming businesses generally, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act, Resource Conservation Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. We have not made, and do not anticipate making, material expenditures with respect to such environmental laws and regulations. However, the coverage and attendant compliance costs associated with such laws, regulations and ordinances may result in future additional costs to our operations. For example, the Department of Transportation has promulgated regulations under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requiring owners and operators of certain vessels to establish through the Coast Guard evidence of financial responsibility for clean up of oil pollution. This requirement has been satisfied by proof of adequate insurance.

Our riverboats operated in Louisiana and Iowa must comply with U.S. Coast Guard requirements as to boat design, on-board facilities, equipment, personnel and safety and hold U.S. Coast Guard Certificates of Documentation and Inspection. The U.S. Coast Guard requirements also set limits on the operation of the riverboats and require licensing of certain personnel involved with the operation of the riverboats. Loss of a riverboat's Certificate of Documentation and Inspection could preclude its use as a riverboat casino. Each of our riverboats is inspected annually and, every five years, is subject to dry-docking for inspection of its hull, which could result in a temporary loss of service.

The barges are inspected by third parties and certified with respect to stability and single compartment flooding integrity. Our casino barges must also meet local fire safety standards. We would incur additional costs if any of our gaming facilities were not in compliance with one or more of these regulations.

Regulations adopted by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the U.S. Treasury Department require us to report currency transactions in excess of \$10,000 occurring within a gaming day, including identification of the patron by name and social security number. U.S. Treasury Department regulations also require us to report certain suspicious activity, including any transaction that exceeds \$5,000 if we know, suspect or have reason to believe that the transaction involves funds from illegal activity or is designed to evade federal regulations or reporting requirements. Substantial penalties can be imposed against us if we fail to comply with these regulations.

All of our shipboard employees, even those who have nothing to do with our operation as a vessel, such as dealers, waiters and security personnel, may be subject to the Jones Act which, among other things, exempts those employees from state limits on workers' compensation awards.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

#### The Isle-Lake Charles

We own approximately 2.7 acres and lease approximately 16.25 acres of land in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana for use in connection with the Isle-Lake Charles. The lease expires in March 2010, with fifteen renewal options of five years each. Rent under the Isle-Lake Charles lease is currently \$1.5 million per year and is subject to increases based on the Consumer Price Index ("CPI").

#### The Isle-Bossier City

We own approximately 38 acres of land in Bossier City, Louisiana for use in connection with the Isle-Bossier City and we own a 225-room hotel on approximately 10.5 acres of land located 2.5 miles east of the Isle-Bossier City.

#### The Isle-Lula

We lease approximately 1,000 acres of land in Coahoma County, Mississippi and utilize approximately 50 acres in connection with the operations of the Isle-Lula. Unless terminated by us at an earlier date, the lease expires in 2033. Rent under the lease is currently 5.5% of gross gaming revenue as established by the Mississippi Gaming Commission, as well as \$3,333 per month for the hotel. We also own approximately 100 acres in Coahoma County, which may be utilized for future development.

#### The Isle-Biloxi

We lease the Biloxi berth from the Biloxi Port Commission at an annual rent of the greater of \$500,000 or 1% of the gross gaming revenue net of state and local gaming taxes. The lease terminates on July 1, 2009 and we have the option to renew it for seven additional terms of five years each subject to increases based on the CPI, limited to 6% for each renewal period.

We lease the real estate upon which some of our land-based facilities are located from the City of Biloxi and the Mississippi Secretary of State at current annual rent of \$561,800 per year, plus 3% of the Isle-Biloxi's gross gaming revenues, net of state and local gaming taxes and fees, in excess of \$25.0 million. The lease terminates on July 1, 2009, but it is renewable at our option for five additional terms of five years each and a sixth option renewal term, concluding on January 31, 2034, subject to rent increases based on the CPI, limited to 6% for each renewal period. In April 1994, we entered into an addendum to this lease that requires us to pay 4% of our gross non-gaming revenue, net of sales tax, complimentaries and discounts. Additional rent will be due to the City of Biloxi for the amount of any increase from and after January 1, 2016, in the rent due to the State Institutions of Higher Learning under a lease between the City of Biloxi and the State Institutions of Higher Learning and for any increases in certain tidelands leases between the City of Biloxi and the State of Mississippi.

In April 1994, in connection with the construction of a hotel, we entered into a lease for additional land adjoining the Isle-Biloxi. This lease with the City of Biloxi and the Mississippi Secretary of State is for an initial term of 25 years, with options to renew for six additional terms of ten years each and a final option period concluding December 31, 2085. Current annual rent is \$605,000 plus 4% of gross non-gaming revenue, as defined in the lease, and renewals are subject to rent increases based on the CPI. The annual rent is adjusted after each five-year period based on increases in the CPI, limited to a 10% increase in any five-year period.

In August 2002, we entered into a lease for two additional parcels of land adjoining the Isle-Biloxi and the hotel. On the parcel adjoining the Isle-Biloxi, we constructed a multi-level parking garage that

has approximately 1,000 parking spaces. There is additional ground level parking on a parcel of land in front of the garage, also subject to this lease, with approximately 600 parking spaces. We have constructed a 400 room addition to the existing hotel on the parcel leased next to the existing hotel. In addition, we may construct a hotel above the parking garage. This lease with the City of Biloxi and the Mississippi Secretary of State is for an initial term of forty years, with one option to renew for an additional twenty-five years and additional options thereafter, with the consent of the Mississippi Secretary of State, consistent with the term of the lease described in the preceding paragraph. When combined with the base and percentage rents described for the leases in the preceding two paragraphs, annual rent under those two leases and this lease is estimated to be \$3.3 million (depending on the completion date of the hotel) for the lease year ending July 31, 2005 and \$3.5 million for lease year ending July 31, 2006. Such minimum rent to increase thereafter over time in accordance with a formula based on anticipated timing for completion of the current hotel and completion of the hotel on top of the parking garage (or August 31, 2008, which ever occurs first), up to a minimum rent of \$3.7 million. Such amounts are subject to decreases due to market adjustments and increases based on the CPI. Also, we are responsible for annual rent equal to 4% of gross retail revenue and gross cash revenue (as defined in the lease), but without double counting. If the rent minimum described in the preceding sentences is not otherwise satisfied from other rents, then this percentage rent is not in addition to the minimum rent, but rather is to be applied to that minimum.

In connection with and pursuant to a settlement between the City of Biloxi and the State of Mississippi concerning the control and management area where the Isle-Biloxi is located, we also have agreed to pay the City of Biloxi's lease obligations to the State of Mississippi. This amount is \$500,000 per year, payable on June 30, subject to increases based on the CPI and decreases if there are other tenants of the subject property. This obligation ends after June 2018, but may be renewed for thirty years.

We have also entered into a joint venture arrangement to sublease property containing a two-level parking garage next to the Isle-Biloxi. Our annual rent under this lease is approximately \$200,000. The current term is for three years expiring December 31, 2005, with a renewal option for an additional five-year term (under which our annual rent would increase to approximately \$212,500) extending the lease through December 31, 2010. The extension will occur unless the Company sends a notice to terminate by July 1, 2005. The Company has no plans to terminate the lease.

#### The Isle-Vicksburg

We own approximately 13.1 acres of land in Vicksburg, Mississippi for use in connection with the Isle-Vicksburg. We own an additional thirteen acres of land in Vicksburg on which we operate off-site parking and a recreational vehicle park. We also entered into a lease for approximately five acres of land adjacent to the Isle-Vicksburg to be used for additional parking.

#### The Isle-Natchez

Through numerous lease agreements, we lease approximately 24 acres of land in Natchez, Mississippi that is used in connection with the operations of the Isle-Natchez. Unless terminated by us at an earlier date, the lease expiration dates through 2037. Rents under the leases currently total approximately \$101,000 per month. We also lease approximately 7.5 acres of land that is utilized for parking at the facility. We own approximately six acres of property in Natchez, Mississippi, as well as the property upon which our hotel is located.

#### The Isle-Kansas City

We lease approximately twenty-eight acres from the Kansas City Port Authority in connection with the operation of the Isle-Kansas City facility. The term of the lease is ten years, expiring in October 2006, and we have the option to renew the lease for eight additional terms of five years each. Rent under the lease is currently \$3.0 million per year, subject to the higher of \$3.0 million (minimum rent) per year, or 3.25% of gross revenues, less complimentaries.

#### The Isle-Boonville

We lease the site from the City of Boonville under a lease agreement, which has a term of ninety-nine years. We were required to pay \$1.7 million to the City of Boonville as a lump sum rent payment during construction of the casino. There was no rent due after the casino opening date. We were, however, assessed additional amounts by the City of Boonville based on a 3.5% tax on gaming revenue, which we recognized as additional rent.

#### The Isle-Bettendorf

We own approximately 24.6 acres of land in Bettendorf, Iowa used in connection with the operations of the Isle-Bettendorf. We also lease approximately eight acres of land on a month-to-month basis from an entity owned by family members of our chief executive officer, Bernard Goldstein, including Robert S. Goldstein and Jeffrey D. Goldstein, directors of our company, which we utilize for parking and warehouse space. The initial term of the lease expires sixty days after written notice is given to either party and rent under the lease is currently \$23,360 per month.

# The Rhythm City-Davenport

Pursuant to various lease agreements, we lease approximately twelve acres of land in Davenport, Iowa used in connection with the operations of Rhythm City-Davenport. The aggregate annual rent on these leases is approximately \$0.8 million and they have varying expiration dates through 2022. We also own a 121-room hotel on approximately one acre of land located several blocks northeast of the Rhythm City-Davenport.

#### *The Isle-Marquette*

We lease the dock site in Marquette, Iowa that is used in connection with the operations of the Isle-Marquette. The lease expires in 2019, and rent under the lease is currently \$15,000 per month, plus \$0.50 per passenger, plus 2.5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$20.0 million but less than \$40.0 million; 5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$40.0 million but less than \$60.0 million; and 7.5% of gaming revenues (less state wagering taxes) in excess of \$60.0 million. We also rent approximately 5 acres of land used for the employee parking lot. That is a month-to-month rental of \$833. We also own approximately twenty-five acres of land for the pavilion, hotel, satellite offices, warehouse, lots by the marina, and other property.

#### The Isle-Black Hawk

We own approximately 10.1 acres of land in Black Hawk, Colorado for use in connection with the Isle-Black Hawk.

#### The Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk

We own and lease approximately 7.1 acres of land in Black Hawk, Colorado for use in connection with the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk. We lease additional parcels of land adjoining the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk for parking. This lease is for an initial term of nine years with options to renew for eighteen additional terms of five years each with the final option period concluding June 1, 2094. Annual rent is \$1.7 million indexed to correspond to any rise or fall in the CPI at one-year intervals beginning June 1, 1996, not to exceed a 3% increase or decrease from the previous year's rate. We also entered into a lease for additional parking. This lease is for an initial term of ten years with options to renew for nine additional terms of ten years each with the final option period concluding June 1, 2094. Annual rent is \$576,000 and renewals are subject to 20% rent increases over the rate of the previous term.

#### Pompano Park

We own approximately 223 acres at Pompano Park.

#### The Isle-Our Lucaya

We sublease the casino property under an agreement that is in effect until December 2012, and requires us to make payments under the following terms: (1) \$2.0 million per year in equal monthly installments due on the first of each month for the first two years ending November 30, 2006, (2) the annual amount increases to \$2.5 million in years three and four of the lease, and then to \$3.0 million for the remainder of the lease, (3) plus \$125,000 per year in equal monthly installments due on the first of each month for common area maintenance and (4) plus a minimum room buy of fifty from the hotel at a rate of \$54 per night. After the second year of the lease, if earnings before income taxes, depreciation and amortization fall below \$3.0 million, we have the option to cancel with a one-year notice.

Additionally, the agreement requires us to pay a monthly resort marketing fee (the "Fee"). This Fee is calculated at six percent of annual gross revenues of the casino, where such receipts are in excess of \$33.3 million a year for the first two years, \$40.0 million a year for years three and four and \$45.0 million a year for years five through ten.

#### Blue Chip-Dudley

Through our two-thirds ownership interest in Blue Chip PLC, we own the 15,000 square-foot building that contains the Blue Chip-Dudley casino operation. We also own an 8,000 square-foot parking area for the casino.

#### Blue Chip-Wolverhampton

Through our two-thirds ownership interest in Blue Chip PLC, we own the 15,000 square-foot building that contains the Blue Chip-Wolverhampton casino operation.

#### Blue Chip-Walsall

Through our two-thirds ownership interest in Blue Chip PLC, we own the 17,938 square-foot building that contains the Blue Chip-Walsall casino operation.

#### Coventry

We entered into a twenty five year lease in December 2003, to lease approximately 120,000 square feet within the arena compound that will be used in connection with the operation of the Isle-Coventry. In addition to the payment of £4.0 million plus value added tax ("VAT") (\$7.6 million as of April 24, 2005, based on published exchange rates), the lease requires us to pay one more payment of £2.0 million plus VAT in July 2005 for prepaid rent. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, we will pay approximately £1.3 million plus VAT (\$2.5 million as of April 24, 2005, based on published exchange rates) per year offset by the £6.0 million plus VAT (\$11.5 million as of April 24, 2005, based on published exchange rates) prepaid rent and interest of 8% per annum on the unpaid balance that reduces annual rent expenses over 15 years.

#### Other

We own all of the riverboats and barges utilized at our facilities. We also own or lease all of our gaming and non-gaming equipment.

We lease our corporate office in Biloxi, Mississippi and our corporate office in Boca Raton, Florida.

We have various property leases and options to either lease or purchase property that are not directly related to our existing operations and that may be utilized in the future in connection with expansion projects at our existing facilities or development of new projects.

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

In August 1997, a lawsuit was filed which sought to nullify a contract to which Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership is a party. Pursuant to the contract, Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership paid a fixed amount plus a percentage of revenue, to various local governmental entities, including the City of Bossier City and the Bossier Parish School Board, in lieu of payment of a per-passenger boarding fee. The case was tried on April 6, 2004. The trial court rendered a ruling in favor of the defendants, finding that although the legislature amended the boarding fee statute in 2003 so as to prohibit future boarding fee agreements, any pre-existing agreement between a riverboat and either the City of Bossier City or the Bossier Parish Police Jury will remain valid and in effect until its expiration. Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership's contract expired on April 4, 2004. Therefore, Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership now pays a boarding fee to the City as outlined by the statute, Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership still has an existing contract with the Bossier Parish Police Jury, which was not at issue in the litigation, and which will remain in effect until its expiration on January 1, 2007, unless extended by the parties. The plaintiffs appealed the trial court's ruling to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal, and the appellate court reversed and remanded the matter. We, along with the other defendants, filed writ applications to appeal the matter to the Louisiana Supreme Court. The court has granted two applications for appeal, one filed on behalf of Bossier City and Bossier Parish and another filed on behalf of the Bossier Sheriff's Office and the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation. A hearing has not been scheduled. We will continue to vigorously defend this matter as may be required.

Lady Luck Gaming Corporation (now our wholly owned subsidiary) and several joint venture partners are defendants in a lawsuit brought by the country of Greece through its Minister of Tourism (now Development) and Finance. The action alleges that the defendants failed to make specified payments in connection with the gaming license bid process for Patras, Greece. The payment we are alleged to have been required to make aggregates approximately 6.5 million Euros (which was approximately \$8.5 million as of April 24, 2005 based on published exchange rates). Although it is difficult to determine the damages being sought from the lawsuit, the action may seek damages up to that aggregate amount plus interest from the date of the action. The Athens Civil Court of First Instance granted judgment in our favor and dismissed the lawsuit, but the Ministry of Tourism appealed the matter and the appeal was heard in April 2002 before the Athens Appeal Court of First Instance. The Athens Appeal Court issued certified copies of judgments denying the Ministry's appeals. The Ministry elected to appeal this matter further. We have taken action to have the decisions granted in our favor set for a hearing before the Administrative Supreme Court and the Greek Supreme Court, respectively. Briefs were filed in the administrative matter in June 2005 and the civil matter is set for hearing during May 2006. The outcome of this matter is still in doubt and cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. We intend to continue a vigorous and appropriate defense to the claims asserted in this matter.

On December 30, 2002, the County of Jefferson, Missouri initiated a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Missouri against us and a subsidiary alleging a breach of a 1993 contract entered into by the County, that subsidiary, and guaranteed by Lady Luck Gaming Corporation relating to the development of a casino-site near Kimmswick, Missouri. The suit alleges damages in excess of \$10.0 million. Discovery is ongoing and the matter has been set for a trial in January 2006. The outcome of this matter cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. We believe the claims against us to be without merit and we intend to vigorously and appropriately defend the claims asserted in this matter.

We are subject to various contingencies and engaged in various other litigation matters that have a number of unresolved claims. Although the ultimate liability of these contingencies, this litigation and these claims cannot be determined at this time, we believe that they will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

# ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS. None.

#### **PART II**

# ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

(a)

*i.* <u>Market Information</u>. Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "ISLE". The following table presents the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock as reported by the NASDAQ National Market for the fiscal periods indicated.

	High	Low
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2006		
First Quarter (through July 1, 2005)	\$ 27.13 \$	26.09
Fiscal Year Ended April 24, 2005		
First Quarter	\$ 23.55 \$	16.25
Second Quarter	22.26	15.90
Third Quarter	27.90	20.24
Fourth Quarter	30.68	23.77
Fiscal Year Ended April 25, 2004		
First Quarter	\$ 18.13 \$	12.83
Second Quarter	21.94	16.27
Third Quarter	23.41	18.47
Fourth Quarter	26.45	19.90

*ii.* Holders of Common Stock. As of July 1, 2005, there were approximately 1,672 holders of record of our common stock.

iii. <u>Dividends</u>. We have never declared or paid any dividends with respect to our common stock and the current policy of our board of directors is to retain earnings to provide for the growth of the company. In addition, our senior secured credit facility and the indentures governing our 7% senior subordinated notes and our 9% senior subordinated notes limit our ability to pay dividends. See "Item 8-Financial Statements and Supplementary Data-Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.-Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 7." Consequently, no cash dividends are expected to be paid on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Further, there can be no assurance that our current and proposed operations will generate the funds needed to declare a cash dividend or that we will have legally available funds to pay dividends. In addition, we may fund part of our operations in the future from indebtedness, the terms of which may prohibit or restrict the payment of cash dividends. If a holder of common stock is disqualified by the regulatory authorities from owning such shares, such holder will not be permitted to receive any dividends with respect to such stock. See "Item 1-Business-Regulation and Licensing."

iv. <u>Equity Compensation Plans</u>. The following table provides information about securities authorized for issuance under our 1992, 1993 and 2000 Employee Stock Option Plans, and our Deferred Bonus Plan, for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005.

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Number of securities		Number of securities remaining
	to be issued upon	Weighted-average	available for future issuance
	exercise of	exercise price of	under equity compensation
	outstanding options,	outstanding options,	plans (excluding securities
Plan category	warrants and rights	warrants and rights	reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation			
plans approved by			
security holders	3,536,299	\$13.24	833,448
Equity compensation			
plans not approved by			
security holders	-	-	-
Total	3,536,299	\$13.24	833,448

#### (b) <u>Issuance of Unregistered Securities</u>

We maintain the Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. Retirement Trust & Savings Plan, which is a tax-qualified retirement plan (the "Plan"). The Plan was established on July 1, 1993 and since the date of its establishment, the Plan has offered participants in the Plan the option of investing in a fund invested in our common stock. In June 1995, we filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Commission File No. 33-93088) to register 30,000 shares of our common stock to be acquired by participants in the Plan (the "1995 Registration Statement"). Subsequent to the filing of the 1995 Registration Statement, Plan participants acquired in excess of the 30,000 shares of our registered common stock. In March 2005, we filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Commission File No. 333-123234) to register an additional 100,000 shares of common stock to be offered for investment in the Plan (the "2005 Registration Statement"). Following the filing of the 1995 Registration Statement and prior to the filing of the 2005 Registration Statement, the acquisition by the Plan's trustee of a certain number of shares of Isle common stock for the benefit and at the direction of Plan participants, as well as the interests in the Plan, were not registered in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws.

We may be subject to claims by the Plan's participants for rescission of their acquisitions of shares of our common stock in the Plan under federal and state securities laws until the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations period. We do not currently believe that the potential claims for rescission and any related penalties would have a material adverse effect on us because we do not believe that many participants in the Plan who purchased shares prior to the filing of the 2005 Registration Statement are likely to assert rescission claims because of the appreciation of our common stock over the applicable statute of limitations period.

#### (c) Purchases of our Common Stock

The following table provides information related to our purchases of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. common stock:

<u>Period</u>	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs (1)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Programs (1)
January 24, 2005 to February 20, 2005	-	\$ -	-	488,205
February 21, 2005 to March 27, 2005	-	-	-	488,205
March 28, 2005 to April 24, 2005	-	-	-	488,205
Total	-	\$ -	-	488,205

⁽¹⁾ We have purchased our common stock under two separate repurchase programs. The first program, which allowed repurchase of up to 1,500,000 shares was announced on November 15, 2000, and subsequently expanded to allow repurchase of an additional 1,500,000 shares, as announced on January 11, 2001. The current program was announced on October 25, 2002 and allows for the repurchase of up to 1,500,000 shares. To date, we have purchased 4,011,795 shares of our common stock under the two programs. These programs have no approved dollar amounts, nor expiration dates.

#### ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA.

The following table presents our selected consolidated financial data for the five most recent fiscal years, which is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements. Because the data in this table does not provide all of the data contained in our consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, you should read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," our consolidated financial statements, including the related notes contained elsewhere in this document and other data we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

	Fiscal Year Ended (1)									
	A	pril 24, 2005		April 25, 2004	A	April 27, 2003	A	April 28, 2002	1	April 29, 2001
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>				(doll	ars i	in millions, e	xcep	ot per share o	data)	1
Revenues:										
Casino	\$	1,121.3	\$	1,116.4	\$	1,051.3	\$	1,057.0	\$	957.1
Rooms		47.7		44.6		49.2		56.0		50.7
Pari-mutuel commissions and fees		20.1		20.3		23.9		23.5		22.2
Food, beverage and other		149.5		143.7		140.9		152.1		148.3
Gross revenues		1,338.6		1,325.0		1,265.3		1,288.6		1,178.3
Less promotional allowances		227.0		219.6		200.5		203.3		195.5
Net revenues		1,111.6		1,105.4		1,064.8		1,085.3		982.8
Operating expenses:										
Casino		186.6		181.5		181.7		194.9		183.9
Gaming taxes		250.3		245.0		229.6		227.0		192.6
Rooms		10.3		10.0		11.6		13.3		12.1
Pari-mutuel		15.5		15.4		16.9		16.8		16.2
Food, beverage and other		35.8		32.0		34.1		35.8		32.0
Marine and facilities		67.7		65.6		65.9		70.0		63.6
Marketing and administrative		319.0		306.1		282.8		286.0		257.9
Valuation charge		4.1		-		1.9		61.4		1.0
Other charges		-		-		-		-		8.2
Preopening		0.2		2.3		-		3.9		0.2
Depreciation and amortization		97.4		89.8		76.6		72.1		69.1
Total operating expenses		986.9		947.7		901.1		981.2		836.8
Operating income		124.7		157.7		163.7		104.1		146.0
Interest expense		(75.7)		(83.5)		(82.6)		(89.2)		(98.9)
Interest income		2.2		0.9		0.6		0.9		5.1
Loss on early extinguishment of										
debt		(5.3)		(26.1)		-		(7.0)		-
Minority interest		(5.5)		(10.1)		(9.5)		(7.7)		(6.4)
Equity in income (loss) of										
unconsolidated joint ventures		-		-		-		-		(0.2)
Income from continuing operations										
before income taxes		40.4		38.9		72.2		1.1		45.6
Income taxes		19.5		12.6		26.6		1.1		20.5
Income from continuing operations		20.9		26.3		45.6		0.0		25.1
Income (loss) from discontinued										
operations, net of income taxes		(2.9)		1.4		-		-		-
Net income	\$	18.0	\$	27.7	\$	45.6	\$	0.0	\$	25.1
Adjusted net income (2)		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	\$	35.0

(Footnotes follow table)

				Fis	cal `	Year Ended	<b>(1)</b>			
	A	April 24, 2005	A	April 25, 2004	A	April 27, 2003	A	April 28, 2002	A	April 29, 2001
<b>Income Statement Data</b>										
(continued):				(doll	lars i	in millions, e	xcep	ot per share d	ata)	
Income per common share:										
Basic	\$	0.61	\$	0.94	\$	1.57	\$	-	\$	0.84
Diluted	\$	0.58	\$	0.91	\$	1.50	\$	-	\$	0.80
Adjusted income per common share:										
Basic (2)	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1.17
Diluted (2)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1.11
Other Data:										
Net cash provided by (used in):										
Operating activities	\$	169.9	\$	173.2	\$	138.2	\$	153.7	\$	74.2
Investing activities	\$	(213.7)	\$	(159.1)	\$	(126.6)	\$	(100.6)	\$	(225.4)
Financing activities	\$	55.4	\$	25.8	\$	6.4	\$	(53.2)	\$	59.9
Capital expenditures	\$	217.3	\$	153.4	\$	61.3	\$	98.3	\$	162.1
Operating Data:										
Number of slot machines (3)		14,518		14,558		13,532		14,649		13,604
Number of table games (3)		539		452		335		383		395
Number of hotel rooms (3)		3,037		2,990		2,850		3,869		3,912
Average daily occupancy rate (4)		84.4%		84.7%		78.9%		85.0%		85.3%
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	146.7	\$	134.6	\$	94.6	\$	76.6	\$	76.7
Total assets		1,681.4		1,531.8		1,416.0		1,353.4		1,390.7
Long-term debt, including current										
portion		1,156.1		1,088.9		1,028.0		1,009.3		1,039.1
Stockholders' equity		261.4		241.4		203.9		159.2		166.0

⁽¹⁾ The operating results and data presented for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2002 are not comparable to other fiscal years presented because they do not include the operating results of the Isle-Boonville, which opened on December 6, 2001. The operating results and data presented for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2003 are not comparable to other fiscal years presented as we ceased operations at the Isle-Tunica on September 3, 2002, acquired the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk and the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek on April 22, 2003, and we ceased operations at the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek on April 25, 2005. The operating results and data presented for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2004 are not comparable to other fiscal years presented because they do not include the operating results of the Isle-Our Lucaya, which we opened on December 15, 2003, the Blue Chip-Dudley, which we acquired on November 28, 2003, and the Blue Chip-Wolverhampton, which we opened on April 22, 2004. We also ceased operations at the Lady Luck-Las Vegas on September 3, 2003. The results of fiscal years 2003-2005 have been reclassified to reflect Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek as discontinued operations.

⁽²⁾ Excludes amortization of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets in connection with the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets."

- (3) The data presented for fiscal years prior to 2003 is not comparable to other fiscal years presented due to the exclusion of the 223 Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek slot machines due to discontinued operations.
- (4) The data presented for fiscal years prior to 2003 is not comparable to other fiscal years presented due to the exclusion of the 227 Isle-Tunica and the 792 Lady Luck-Las Vegas hotel rooms.

N/A Not applicable.

# ITEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS 7. OF OPERATIONS.

You should read the following discussion together with the financial statements, including the related notes and the other financial information in this Form 10-K.

#### **Executive Overview**

We are a leading developer, owner and operator of branded gaming facilities and related lodging and entertainment facilities in regional markets in the United States and internationally. We continue to investigate developing new locations, purchasing existing operations and expanding our current properties. These activities require capital-intensive investments that have long-term return potential. We have intentionally sought geographic diversity to limit the risks caused by weather, regional economic difficulties, and local gaming authorities and regulations. We currently operate casinos in Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado and Freeport, Grand Bahamas Island. We operate a harness racing track in Florida. Additionally, we have a controlling interest in casino investments in Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall, England, each of which is operated by the minority owners.

The following table reflects our consolidated net revenues and operating income by state:

# ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended						
	April 24, 2005		April 25, 2004		Variance \$	Variance %	
Net revenues:							
Mississippi	\$ 256,313	\$	260,912	\$	(4,599)	(1.8%)	
Louisiana	281,434		280,176		1,258	0.4%	
Missouri	166,274		161,445		4,829	3.0%	
Iowa	211,650		210,486		1,164	0.6%	
Colorado	138,588		148,916		(10,328)	(6.9%)	
International	31,115		9,401		21,714	231.0%	
Corporate and other	26,234		34,106		(7,872)	(23.1%)	
Total net revenues	\$ 1,111,608	\$	1,105,442	\$	6,166	0.6%	
Operating income:							
Mississippi	\$ 30,163	\$	44,075	\$	(13,912)	(31.6%)	
Lousiana	39,894		37,693		2,201	5.8%	
Missouri	24,976		23,762		1,214	5.1%	
Iowa	44,710		43,300		1,410	3.3%	
Colorado	29,764		39,954		(10,190)	(25.5%)	
International	(4,013)		(4,953)		940	19.0%	
Corporate and other	(40,842)		(26,103)		(14,739)	(56.5%)	
Operating income	\$ 124,652	\$	157,728	\$	(33,076)	(21.0%)	

In Mississippi, our four operations contributed \$256.3 million or 23.1% of our net revenues during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. Due primarily to construction disruption during our Biloxi hotel construction and increasingly competitive environments in our Vicksburg and Lula markets, our Mississippi net revenues declined \$4.6 million. Our decline in revenue coupled with increased marketing, employee benefits, maintenance, land rent and depreciation, resulted in a corresponding decline in operating income of \$13.9 million. We expect to complete the Biloxi hotel expansion by mid-summer of 2005, prior to the expected opening of an additional branded competitor in the market in the fall of 2005. Additionally, we expect to close the existing Biloxi casino barge for approximately two weeks during early December 2005 to install our new, larger casino barge, which will feature significantly expanded gaming space, new entertainment venues, new restaurants and other amenities. We expect that our expansion and the addition of a new branded competitor will have a positive impact on the Biloxi market.

In Louisiana, our two properties contributed \$281.4 million or 25.3% of our net revenues during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. Net revenues increased \$1.3 million due to the positive results in Lake Charles related to the renovation and expansion of its Grand Palais casino partially offset by a decline in Bossier City related to increasing competitive pressures in that market. Operating income in Louisiana also increased \$2.2 million as labor and other cost reduction programs implemented in Bossier City coupled with revenue increases at Lake Charles. An additional competitor entered the Lake Charles market in late May 2005. We expect this entrant will cause the market to grow but at the same time to have a negative impact on existing market participants. The Bossier City market is highly competitive and is facing increased competition from expansion of Native American gaming in Oklahoma.

In Missouri, our two properties contributed \$166.3 million or 15.0% of our net revenues during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. Net revenues increased \$4.8 million while operating income increased \$1.2 million as a result of Kansas City's previous casino expansion and aggressive marketing as well as Boonville's continuing efforts to maximize its full potential. Beginning in May 2005, there were disruptions to traffic flow at the Kansas City property as the Paseo Bridge on Interstate 35 will be closed for repairs for four to seven months and will likely result in reduction of gaming revenues during this period.

In Iowa, our three casinos contributed \$211.7 million or 19.0% of our net revenues during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. Net revenues increased by \$1.2 million and operating income increased by \$1.4 million. A decrease in depreciation from the Davenport property, due to an extension of the hotel's useful life, was substantially offset by a charge to increase operating lease expense and a 2% increase in the Iowa gaming tax rates. The charge was due to the change in the recognition of long-term lease costs. The tax rates became effective July 1, 2004. In fiscal 2005 the Quad-city properties have faced increasing competition from casinos in the Chicagoland market as those operators refine their product and service offerings.

In Colorado, our two Black Hawk properties contributed \$138.6 million or 12.5% of our net revenues during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. During fiscal 2005, construction at our Black Hawk properties, which significantly reduced parking for the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk and restricted access to the street entrances to both Black Hawk casinos, adversely impacted net revenues and operating income by \$10.3 million and \$10.2 million, respectively. In February 2005 we opened 600 new parking spaces and the construction disruption began to decline. By mid-June, 2005 we completed the casino expansions at both casinos, a new restaurant, the skywalks connecting the casinos to the new garage and a total of 900 new parking spaces thus ending the most disruptive phase of our Black Hawk expansion projects. Construction of the new 162 room Colorado Central Station hotel is currently ahead of schedule and the hotel is expected to open near the end of calendar 2005. Construction on the extension of Main Street to Colorado Route 119, temporarily delayed by engineering problems, has now resumed. Completion is expected in the Spring of 2006.

In our international locations, we experienced an increase in net revenues due to comparison to a portion year (Blue Chip opened is mid-November 2003 and Isle-Our Lucaya opened in mid-December 2003) and operating income due to the recording of \$2.0 million of business interruption proceeds at Isle-Our Lucaya, related to closings caused by Hurricane Frances in the second quarter of fiscal 2005. Both our international locations continue to experience growing pains and are expected to generate negative operating income with an improving trend.

In corporate and other, our new development expenses increased to \$14.4 million for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, up from \$5.8 million for the same period in the previous fiscal year. This is primarily due to our continuing development efforts in the UK, Florida, Waterloo and other initial investments to proposed future projects.

In November 2004, voters in the State of Florida voted to amend the state's constitution to allow the voters of Miami-Dade and Broward counties (Broward County is the location of the Pompano Park Racetrack) to decide whether to approve slot machines in racetracks and jai alai frontons in their respective counties. Broward county voters passed their local referendum and Dade county voters rejected their referendum in March 2005. Enabling gaming legislation was not passed in the current session of the Florida legislature despite the constitutional requirement that such legislation be in effect by July 1, 2005. Along with the other Broward county pari-mutuels, we filed a lawsuit seeking authority to proceed with the development of slot machine facilities despite the absence of enabling legislation. On June 21, 2005, the Circuit Court judge issued a decision in favor of the pari-mutuel facilities, which decision will be appealed. Accordingly, the regulation and timing of installation and operation of slot machines has not been finally determined.

We remain committed to our development project in the UK to build a casino in Coventry; however, legislation enacted in April 2005 limits the number of regional casinos to one. The number may be increased only through additional legislation. We have obtained all necessary gaming licenses to open a casino at the RICOHTM Arena Coventry in the summer of 2006 under the Gaming Act of 1968. We believe we are well positioned to develop a regional casino in Coventry should we be awarded a regional casino license.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles that require our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. Management identifies critical accounting estimates as:

- those that require the use of assumptions about matters that are inherently and highly uncertain at the time the estimates are made;
- those estimates where, had we chosen different estimates or assumptions, the resulting differences would have had a material impact on our financial condition, changes in financial condition or results of operations; and
- those estimates that, if they were to change from period to period, likely would result in a material impact on our financial condition, changes in financial condition or results of operations.

Based upon management's discussion of the development and selection of these critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors, we believe the following accounting estimates involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity.

#### Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

At April 24, 2005, we had goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful lives of \$412.8 million, representing 25% of total assets. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142"), requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives be tested for impairment annually or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that may reduce the fair value of the company's goodwill and intangible assets below its carrying value. We completed our annualimpairment test as required under SFAS 142 in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005 and determined that, other than the goodwill associated with our Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek casino, goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets were not impaired. A charge of \$4.0 million was recorded in the fourth quarter for the impairment of Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek's remaining goodwill. For properties with goodwill and/or other intangible assets with indefinite lives, this test requires the comparison of the implied fair value of each property to carrying value. The implied fair value includes estimates of future cash flows that are based on reasonable and supportable assumptions and represent our best estimates of the cash flows expected to result from the use of the assets and their eventual disposition. Changes in estimates or application of alternative assumptions and definitions could produce significantly different results.

#### **Property and Equipment**

At April 24, 2005, we had property and equipment of \$1,027 billion, representing 61% of total assets. We capitalize the cost of property and equipment. Maintenance and repairs that neither materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred. Costs incurred in connection with the company's "all properties other capital improvements," program, as detailed in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section below, include individual capital expenditures related to the purchase of furniture and equipment and to the upgrade of hotel rooms, restaurants and other areas of our properties. We depreciate property and equipment on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are based on the nature of the assets as well as our current operating strategy. Future events such as property expansions, new competition and new regulations could result in a change in the manner in which we are using certain assets requiring a change in the estimated useful lives of such assets. We evaluate long-lived assets for impairment using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" ("SFAS 144"), which addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. In assessing the recoverability of the carrying value of property and equipment, we make assumptions regarding future cash flows and other factors. If these estimates or the related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to record impairment loss for these assets. Such an impairment loss would be recognized as a non-cash component of operating income.

#### Self-Insurance Liabilities

We are self-funded up to a maximum amount per claim for our employee-related health care benefits program, workers' compensation insurance and general liability insurance. Claims in excess of this maximum are fully insured through a stop-loss insurance policy. We accrue for these liabilities based on claims filed and estimates of claims incurred but not reported. We rely on independent consultants to assist in the determination of estimated accruals. While the total cost of claims incurred depends on future developments, such as increases in health care costs, in our opinion, recorded reserves are adequate to cover future claims payments.

#### Income Tax Assets and Liabilities

We account for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" ("SFAS 109"). SFAS 109 requires that we recognize a current tax asset or liability for the estimated taxes payable or refundable based upon application of the enacted tax rates to taxable income in the current year. Additionally, we are required to recognize a deferred tax liability or asset for the estimated future tax effects attributable to temporary differences. Temporary differences occur when differences arise between: (a) the amount of taxable income and pretax financial income for a year and (b) the tax bases of assets or liabilities and their reported amounts in financial statements. SFAS 109 also requires that any deferred tax asset recognized must be reduced by a valuation allowance for any tax benefits that, in our judgment and based upon available evidence, may not be realizable.

The deferred tax assets and liabilities, as well as the need for a valuation allowance, are evaluated on a quarterly basis and adjusted if necessary. We use forecasted future operating results and consider enacted tax laws and rates in determining if the valuation allowance is sufficient. We operate in multiple taxing jurisdictions and are therefore subject to varying tax laws and potential audits, which could impact our assessments and estimates.

#### **Contingencies**

We are involved in various legal proceedings and have identified certain loss contingencies. We record liabilities related to these contingencies when it is determined that a loss is probable and reasonably estimable. These assessments are based on our knowledge and experience as well as the advice of legal counsel regarding current and past events. Any such estimates are also subject to future events, court rulings, negotiations between the parties and other uncertainties. If an actual loss differs from our estimate, or the actual outcome of any of the legal proceedings differs from expectations, operating results could be impacted.

We routinely face challenges from federal and other tax authorities regarding the amount of taxes due. These challenges include questions regarding the timing and amount of deductions and the allocation of income among various tax jurisdictions. We record tax accruals for probable exposures associated with the various filing positions in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies."

#### Slot Club Awards

We reward our slot customers for their loyalty based on the dollar amount of play on slot machines. We accrue for these slot club awards based on an estimate of the value of the outstanding awards utilizing the age and prior history of redemptions. Future events such as a change in our marketing strategy or new competition could result in a change in the value of the awards.

#### **Results of Operations**

Our results of operations for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, reflect the consolidated operations of all of our subsidiaries and include the following properties: the Isle-Bossier City, the Isle-Lake Charles, the Isle-Biloxi, the Isle-Lula, the Isle-Natchez, the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Kansas City, the Isle-Boonville, the Isle-Bettendorf, the Isle-Marquette, the Rhythm City-Davenport, the Isle-Black Hawk, the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk, the Isle-Our Lucaya, the Blue Chip-Dudley, the Blue Chip-Wolverhampton, the Blue Chip-Walsall and Pompano Park. Fiscal 2005 results have been reclassified to reflect the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek as discontinued operations.

Our results of operations for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004 reflect the consolidated operations of all of our subsidiaries and include the following properties: the Isle-Bossier City, the Isle-Lake Charles, the Isle-Biloxi, the Isle-Lula, the Isle-Natchez, the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Kansas City, the Isle-Boonville, the Isle-Bettendorf, the Isle-Marquette, the Rhythm City-Davenport, the Isle-Black Hawk, the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk, the Lady Luck-Las Vegas, the Isle-Our Lucaya, the Blue Chip-Dudley, the Blue Chip-Wolverhampton and Pompano Park. On October 30, 2002, we completed the sale of the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. We operated the casino until September 3, 2003, when the purchaser's designated gaming operator received regulatory approval. The Isle-Our Lucaya began operations in December of 2003. We purchased a two-thirds interest in Blue Chip Casinos, PLC ("Blue Chip") in November of 2003. Blue Chip owns and operates a pub-style casino in Dudley, England, and a pub-style casino in Wolverhampton, England, which began operations in April of 2004. Fiscal 2004 results have been reclassified to reflect the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek as discontinued operations.

Our results of operations for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2003, reflect the consolidated operations of all of our subsidiaries, and includes the following properties: the Isle-Bossier City, the Isle-Lake Charles, the Isle-Biloxi, the Isle-Lula, the Isle-Natchez, the Isle-Tunica, the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Kansas City, the Isle-Boonville, the Isle-Bettendorf, the Isle-Marquette, the Rhythm City-Davenport, the Isle-Black Hawk, the Lady Luck-Las Vegas and Pompano Park. Isle-Tunica ceased casino operations on September 3, 2002, prior to the sale of assets to Boyd Casino Strip, LLC on October 7, 2002. On October 30, 2002, we completed the sale of the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. We continued to operate the casino until September 3, 2003, when the purchaser's designated gaming operator received regulatory approval. Results also include the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk subsequent to its acquisition on April 22, 2003. Fiscal 2003 results have been reclassified to reflect the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek as discontinued operations.

We believe that our historical results of operations may not be indicative of our future results of operations because of the substantial present and expected future increase in competition for gaming customers in each of our markets, as new gaming facilities open and existing gaming facilities expand or enhance their facilities. We believe that our operating results are materially affected by the economy and weather.

#### Fiscal Year Ended April 24, 2005 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended April 25, 2004

Gross revenues for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005 were \$1.3 billion, which included \$1.1 billion of casino revenue, \$47.7 million of room revenue, \$20.1 million of pari-mutuel commissions, \$128.1 million of food and beverage revenue and \$21.3 million of other revenue. This compares to gross revenues for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004 of \$1.3 billion, which included \$1.1 billion of casino revenue, \$44.6 million of room revenue, \$20.3 million of pari-mutuel commissions and \$124.4 million of food and beverage and \$19.4 million of other revenue.

Casino revenue remained flat compared to fiscal year 2004. We saw an increase in casino revenues at our Missouri properties due primarily to the Isle-Kansas City's expansion of its gaming floor and the Isle-

Boonville's continued strong performance. Likewise, casino revenues increased at the Isle-Lake Charles resulting from the expansion and renovation of the Grand Palais. The addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya and the Blue Chip-Dudley also increased casino revenues as these properties opened in the third quarter of fiscal 2004. These increases were offset by the sale of the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. In Colorado, casino revenues declined as the Isle-Black Hawk and the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk have been affected by construction disruption. We also faced decreases in casino revenues at the Isle-Biloxi because of construction and the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan.

Room revenue increased 7.1% compared to fiscal year 2004 primarily as a result of the additional capacity at the Isle-Bossier City. Pari-mutuel commissions earned at Pompano Park in Florida for the fiscal year was essentially flat compared to prior year. Food and beverage revenues increased by 3.9% because of renovations made to the buffets at the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Lake Charles and the Isle-Bossier City. The addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya and the Blue Chip locations also added to food and beverage revenues.

Promotional allowances, which are made up of complimentary revenues, cash points and coupons, are rewards that we give our loyal customers to encourage them to continue to patronize our properties. These allowances increased by 3.4% in fiscal year 2005 as we increased our direct mail efforts to promote play.

Casino operating expenses increased 2.8% over fiscal year 2004. These expenses are primarily comprised of salaries, wages and benefits and other operating expenses of the casinos. The increase in casino operating expenses is attributable to the additions of the Isle-Our Lucaya and Blue Chip. Isle-Our Lucaya incurred casino operating expenses during the time the property was closed in the aftermath of last year's hurricanes. These increases are partially offset by the discontinuation of gaming operations at the Lady Luck-Las Vegas, following the finalization of the property's sale, and a decrease in salaries, wages, taxes and benefits at the Isle-Bossier City due to cost controls.

State and local gaming taxes increased by 2.2% compared to fiscal year 2004. Effective July 1, 2004, we were subject to an additional assessment of 2.0% of gross gaming revenues in Iowa due to a tax increase enacted in that state.

Room expenses increased 4.2% compared to fiscal year 2004. These expenses directly relate to the cost of providing hotel rooms. Other costs of the hotels are shared with the casinos and are presented in their respective expense categories. The increase in expenses was due primarily to the additional room capacity at the Isle-Bossier City.

Pari-mutuel operating costs of Pompano Park in Florida remained flat compared to fiscal year 2004. Such costs consist primarily of compensation, benefits, purses, simulcast fees and other direct costs of track operations.

Food and beverage expenses increased 12.5% over fiscal year 2004. Food and beverage expenses as a percentage of gross food and beverage revenues increased from 21.7% for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004, to 23.7% for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. These expenses consist primarily of the cost of goods sold, salaries, wages and benefits and other operating expenses of these departments. Food, beverage and other expenses as a percentage of gross food, beverage and other revenues increased from 22.3% for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004, to 24.0% for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. These expenses increased partly as a result of the expansion at the Isle-Bossier City. Room service and banquet expense increased as the availability of meeting space and hotel rooms increased during the fiscal year. The addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya and Blue Chip also increased food, beverage and other expenses.

Marine and facilities expenses increased 3.2% compared to fiscal year 2004. These expenses include salaries, wages and benefits of the marine and facilities departments, operating expenses of the marine

crews, insurance, maintenance of public areas, housekeeping and general maintenance of the riverboats and pavilions. The increase was primarily due to the Isle-Vicksburg's parking lot repairs completed in the first quarter of fiscal 2005, ongoing repairs and maintenance at the Isle-Lula, and the addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya. The increase was partially offset by a decrease in benefits expense for the marine and facilities departments at the Isle-Bossier City.

Marketing expenses increased 1.8% compared to fiscal year 2004. The increase in marketing expenses is primarily due to the addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya and is partially offset by the finalization of the sale of the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. Marketing expenses include salaries, wages and benefits of the marketing and sales departments, as well as promotions, direct mail, advertising, special events and entertainment.

Administrative expenses have increased 6.9% over fiscal year 2004. These expenses include administration and human resource department expenses, rent, new development activities, professional fees and property taxes. The increase is due to the addition of the Isle-Our Lucaya and Blue Chip. We also increased our development and investment activities domestically and in the UK. In Florida, we supported the successful campaign to pass a constitutional amendment that allows the voters of Miami-Dade and Broward counties to decide whether to approve slot machines in racetracks and jai alai facilities in their respective counties. These increases were partially offset by finalization of the sale and discontinuation of all operations at the Lady Luck-Las Vegas and savings from combining some administrative functions of our the Isle-Bettendorf and the Rhythm City-Davenport properties.

Depreciation expense increased by 8.5% compared to fiscal year 2004. Depreciation has increased as a result of the company's capital expansion programs. The increase was primarily due to a one-time charge for additional depreciation expense of \$2.9 million related to a reclassification of certain land improvements that were improperly classified as land at the time of the conversion of the company's manual system to a computerized asset tracking system in fiscal 2002, identified in the second fiscal quarter of 2005, as well as the capital additions at the Isle-Biloxi, Isle-Bossier City, the Isle-Lake Charles and the Isle-Kansas City.

We incurred a loss on early extinguishment of debt totaling \$5.3 million in fiscal 2005 in connection with the amendment of our senior secured credit facility on February 4, 2005. These charges include the write-off of debt acquisition costs. We also incurred a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$26.1 million in fiscal 2004 related to the amendment of our \$390.0 million 8.75% senior subordinated notes on March 3, 2004. These charges included early payment premiums as well as the write-off of debt acquisition costs.

Net interest expense decreased 11.0% compared with fiscal year 2004. This is primarily attributable to the lower average balances outstanding. Net interest also excludes capitalized interest of \$3.2 million for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, as compared to \$1.5 million for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004. The increase in capitalized interest results from the expansion projects at the Isle-Biloxi and in Black Hawk. The increase is partially offset by the completion of the expansion projects at the Isle-Bossier City.

Our effective tax rate from continuing operations was 48.1% for the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, compared to 32.4% for fiscal year ended April 25, 2004, which, in each case, excludes an unrelated party's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes. The increase in the rate for fiscal 2005 is a result of the effect of non-deductible permanent items on earnings, the impact of not benefiting from a portion of the current operating losses of the Company's interests in the UK and state income taxes. Also in the second fiscal quarter ended 2004, the Internal Revenue Service concluded a federal tax examination covering four tax years without significant adjustments and provided administrative guidance on certain other tax matters for other open years. As a result, we analyzed our tax accruals and reduced income tax expense by approximately \$3.4 million for previously accrued

income tax liabilities. This had the effect of reducing our effective tax rate to 32.4% from continuing operations, excluding the minority interest's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes. Excluding the impact of these adjustments, our fiscal year 2004 effective rate from continuing operations would have been 41.1%, excluding the minority interest's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes.

#### Fiscal Year Ended April 25, 2004 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended April 27, 2003

Gross revenues for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004, were \$1.3 billion, which included \$1.1 billion of casino revenue, \$44.6 million of room revenue, \$20.3 million of pari-mutuel commissions, \$124.4 million of food and beverage revenue and \$19.4 million of other revenue. This compares to gross revenues for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2003 of \$1.3 billion, which included \$1.1 billion of casino revenue, \$49.2 million of room revenue, \$23.9 million of pari-mutuel commissions and \$121.3 million of food and beverage and \$19.5 million of other revenue.

Casino revenue increased 6.2%. In Colorado, a full year contribution by the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk and the Colorado Grande-Cripple Creek added an additional \$59.6 million in casino revenue. Additionally, Isle-Black Hawk's casino revenue increased \$3.7 million. We were pleased when a statewide referendum that would have allowed video lottery terminals in all of the state's horse racing tracks was defeated. The gains in Colorado were partially offset by the closing and subsequent sale of the Isle's Tunica and Las Vegas locations. Because of construction disruptions and increase in the number of competitors, the Isle-Bossier City saw casino revenue decrease by 5.2%.

Room revenue decreased 9.5% compared to prior year. The decrease was primarily attributed to a decrease of 1,019 hotel rooms resulting from the sale of the Isle-Tunica and the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. The decrease was partially offset by increased room revenue at the Isle-Bossier City due to the completion of its 265-room hotel expansion in January of 2004.

Pari-mutuel revenue earned at Pompano Park in Florida decreased by 14.9%. The decrease is primarily attributable to the general decrease of onsite wagering on horse races. Additionally, the park did not hold live races in July, August or September of 2003 to increase the purse pool for later races, thereby decreasing the number of live race days in fiscal year 2004 compared to fiscal year 2003. Pompano Park plans to hold live races in July, August and September of 2004.

Food and beverage revenue increased 2.6% from year to year. The increase is primarily due to the addition of Colorado Central Station. Other revenue has remained essentially flat year over year.

Promotional allowances, which are made up of complimentary revenue, cash points and coupons, are rewards that we give our loyal customers to encourage them to continue to patronize our properties. These allowances increased by 10.0% in fiscal year 2004 primarily as a result of the addition of our Colorado properties as well as the maturing of the customer database at the Isle-Boonville.

Casino operating expenses remained flat over fiscal year 2003. These expenses are primarily comprised of salaries, wages and benefits and other operating expenses of the casinos. The casino operating expenses incurred by the addition of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk were offset by the decrease in casino expenses because of the sale of our Las Vegas and Tunica properties.

State and local gaming taxes increased by 6.7% compared to fiscal year 2003. Gaming taxes in Iowa will increase from 20% to 22% of adjusted gross receipts effective July 1, 2004. Additionally, we will incur two prepaid assessments due on June 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006 of 2.125% for each of our Iowa licensee's fiscal year 2004 adjusted gross receipts. These assessments will be offset by a credit on future state gaming taxes of 20% each year beginning July 1, 2010 for five consecutive years.

Room expenses decreased 14.2% compared to fiscal year 2003. The decrease in room expenses resulted from the sale of our hotel operations at the Isle-Tunica and the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. These decreases were partially offset by the increase in room expenses from the addition of hotel rooms at the Isle-Bossier City.

Pari-mutuel operating costs of Pompano Park in Florida decreased by 8.8% compared to fiscal year 2003. Such costs consist primarily of compensation, benefits, purses, simulcast fees and other direct costs of track operations.

Food and beverage expenses decreased 7.5%. This decrease reflects the sale of the Isle-Tunica and the Lady Luck-Las Vegas. These expenses consist primarily of the cost of goods sold, salaries, wages and benefits and other operating expenses. Food and beverage expenses as a percentage of gross food and beverage revenues decreased from 24.0% for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2003, to 21.7% for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004.

Marine and facilities expenses remained essentially flat. These expenses included salaries, wages and benefits, operating expenses of the marine crews, insurance, housekeeping and general maintenance of the riverboats and floating pavilions. The elimination of cruising requirements in Iowa beginning in May 2004 may yield additional cost reductions, which would partially offset the increase in the Iowa gaming taxes.

Marketing expenses increased 8.9% year over year. Marketing expenses included salaries, wages and benefits of the marketing and sales departments, as well as promotions, advertising, special events and entertainment. Marketing expenses have increased as the company addresses construction disruptions and increasing competition in a number of its markets.

Administrative expenses have increased 7.7% over fiscal year 2003. Administrative expenses included administration and human resource department expenses, rent, new development activities, professional fees and property taxes. Costs associated with new development increased substantially in fiscal year 2004 primarily due to activities in the St. Louis area and the UK. We continue to seek new development opportunities and therefore expect that new development costs will continue at comparable levels in fiscal year 2005.

The valuation charge for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2003, totaling \$1.9 million is a reserve for an impairment of our investment to date in Ardent Gaming, L.L.C., an unrelated third party. The system being developed under the joint venture was substantially past due and we believed it was probable that we would not recover our investment.

Depreciation expense increased by 17.2% compared to fiscal year 2003. Depreciation has increased as a result of the company's capital expansion programs. This includes not only the improvements at Isle-Biloxi and Isle-Bossier City but also the company-wide project to update its slot product.

Interest expense increased 1.1% as compared with fiscal year 2003. Interest expense primarily relates to indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and berthing and concession rights and is net of capitalized interest of \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2004 as compared to \$0.2 million in fiscal year 2003.

We recorded a \$26.1 million loss on the extinguishment of our \$390.0 million 8.75% Senior Subordinated Notes. These notes were replaced by the issuance of \$500 million in 7% Senior Subordinated Notes. We used the proceeds from the notes issuance not only to repay the \$390 million 8.75% Senior Subordinated Notes, but also \$37.5 million of our Senior secured credit facility Term Loan

B and \$8.0 million of our Senior secured credit facility Revolving Loans, and to pay premiums and debt issuance fees and expenses. Remaining amounts were used for general corporate purposes.

Our effective tax rate from continuing operations was 32.4% for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2004 as compared to 36.9% for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2003, which, in each case, excludes an unrelated party's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes. In the second fiscal quarter ended October 26, 2003, the Internal Revenue Service concluded a federal tax examination covering four tax years without significant adjustments and provided administrative guidance on certain other tax matters for other open years. As a result, we analyzed our tax accruals and reduced income tax expense by approximately \$3.4 million for previously accrued income tax liabilities. This had the effect of reducing our effective tax rate to 32.4% from continuing operations, excluding the minority interest's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes, as compared to 36.9% for the year ended April 27, 2003. Excluding the impact of these adjustments, our fiscal year 2004 effective rate from continuing operations would have been 41.1%, excluding the minority interest's portion of the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk income taxes.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At April 24, 2005, we had cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities of \$162.8 million compared to \$134.6 million in cash and cash equivalents at April 25, 2004, the end of our last fiscal year. Of this \$28.2 million increase, \$12.1 is an increase in cash and cash equivalents and is the net result of \$169.9 million net cash provided by operating activities, \$213.7 million net cash used in investing activities, \$55.4 million net cash provided by financing activities and \$0.5 million increase in cash from the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. The remaining increase of \$16.1 million is marketable securities held by Capri Insurance Corporation, of which we have the ability to draw up to 50% of the balance of these securities. In addition, as of April 24, 2005, we had \$452.8 million of capacity under lines of credit and available term debt which consisting of \$389.8 million in unused credit capacity under the revolving loan commitment on our senior secured credit facility, \$9.0 million of unused credit capacity with the Isle-Black Hawk's senior secured credit facility (limited to use by the Isle-Black Hawk), and \$54.0 million under other lines of credit and available term debt. During the quarter ended April 24, 2005, the Isle-Black Hawk drew down \$26.0 million on its revolving loan under the Isle-Black Hawk's senior secured credit facility. We believe that existing cash, cash flow from operations and available borrowings under our lines of credit will be sufficient to support our working capital needs, planned capital expenditures and debt service requirements for the foreseeable future.

#### **Investing Activities**

We invested \$217.3 million in property and equipment during the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005. The following table reflects expenditures and accruals for property and equipment on major projects for which we are committed to in fiscal 2005 and 2004 and projected expenditures for these projects. The amounts in the table do not include any expenditures and accruals prior to fiscal 2004.

		Actual		Ren	naining
		Fiscal Year Ended 4/25/04	Fiscal Year Ended 4/24/05	Fiscal Year Ending 4/30/06	Thereafter
D 4	D 1 4		(dollars in million	s)	
<b>Property</b>	<b>Project</b>				
Isle-Biloxi	Construct hotel & parking facility	\$ 21.1	\$ 43.5	\$ 9.5	\$ -
Isle-Biloxi	Construct casino barge	-	7.4	83.1	-
Isle-Bossier City	Construct hotel & entertainment center	38.2	5.8	-	-
Isle-Bossier City	Renovate casino	0.4	2.4	2.2	-
Isle-Bettendorf	Construct hotel	-	-	4.3	40.7
Isle-Lake Charles	Renovate & expand casinos Renovate & expand	10.9	11.6	6.5	-
Isle-Kansas City	casino	8.2	_	_	_
Isle-Boonville	Construct hotel	-	2.0	15.5	_
Isle-Black Hawk (57% owned)	Expansion & public improvements	8.0		22.1	_
Isle-Waterloo	Construct casino & hotel	-	-	12.0	107.0
Coventry	Construct leasehold improvements	-	8.4	25.1	22.3
Blue Chip	Construct leasehold improvements	_	2.2	_	_
Other properties (1)	IGT Advantage program		9.3	15.4	_
All	Slot programs	29.6		29.3	_
	Other capital	2,,,		23.0	
All	improvements	37.0	30.4	46.9	13.1
Total		\$ 153.4	\$ 217.3	\$ 271.9	\$ 183.1

⁽¹⁾ Includes: Isle-Biloxi, Isle-Vicksburg, Isle-Lula, Isle-Natchez and to be determined.

The other capital improvements at all of our properties consists of numerous capital expenditures related to the purchase of furniture and equipment and the upgrade of hotel rooms, restaurants and other areas of our properties.

The Isle-Biloxi plan, estimated at \$79.0 million, will include an additional 400 hotel rooms, a 12,000 square-foot convention/entertainment center, an expanded pool and spa area and a 1,000-space parking facility, which was completed in December 2003. The parking garage provides a podium for future expansion of an additional hotel

tower. We expect full completion of the new 400-room hotel expansion by mid-summer and expect to open the spa in early fall of 2005. In October 2004, we announced plans to replace the casino at the Isle-Biloxi with a new state-of-the-art casino facility. The approximately \$90.0 million new casino, is expected to be opened in December 2005 and will feature significantly expanded gaming space, new entertainment venues and restaurants and other amenities. Our new casino is currently under construction offsite. We plan to close the existing casino for approximately two weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2005 while we move the new facility into place. We are reviewing our options for the existing barge that will be replaced at the Isle-Biloxi in December 2005.

We have signed a development agreement with the City of Bettendorf pursuant to which we agreed to construct a new 250-room Isle hotel, additional parking, a Kitt's Kitchen restaurant, and an expansion of the existing buffet, and the City agreed to construct a 50,000 square foot convention center adjacent to the company's facility, which will be managed by the Isle-Bettendorf. The cost of our portion of this project is approximately \$45.0 million, and the new hotel is planned to open in the late spring of 2007.

The Isle-Marquette had planned \$5.9 million in improvements which would have included a 60-room hotel and improved parking. This construction has been delayed due to wetlands remediation approvals. We are currently evaluating other alternative hotel development scenarios for this property.

We have begun construction of a 140-room hotel, including 20 suites and a 6,000 square foot event center at the Isle-Boonville. The project is expected to be complete in late spring of 2006 and we have spent approximately \$2.0 million on the project. The remaining \$15.5 will be spent in fiscal 2006.

We are in the final stages of a \$94 million expansion project for the Isle-Black Hawk and Colorado Central Stations-Black Hawk properties. We recently completed our expansion of the Isle-Black Hawk and the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk casinos. We have completed a portion of our new parking structure with 600 parking spaces open to the public. The new 162-room Colorado Central Station hotel is currently ahead of schedule and expected to be completed near the end of calendar year 2005. Additionally, we continue to construct public improvements to extend Main Street directly to Colorado Route 119, approximately one half-mile closer to Denver. Completion is expected in the spring of 2006.

As announced in December 2003, we entered into an agreement to develop and operate an Isle of Capri-themed casino, subject to obtaining a license, in a commercial leisure complex currently under development in Coventry, England. In fiscal year 2005, Isle was granted a gaming license to open the Coventry casino under the current legislation (Gaming Act 1968). Originally, total project costs were estimated to be \$94.9 million, but recently that estimate was revised to \$55.8 million. Project costs for the leased space include design, architectural, mechanical and electrical build-out, construction and equipment. As of fiscal year end April 24, 2005, we have spent \$8.4 million on the Coventry project and expect to spend the remainder over the next 15 months. Completion date for the casino at the RICOHTM Arena Coventry is estimated to be August 2006.

We have been selected by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission as the successful applicant for a gaming license in Waterloo, Iowa. We plan to spend approximately \$119.0 million on constructing a 35,000 square foot single level casino with 1,300 gaming positions, three of our signature restaurants, a 200-room hotel and 1,000 parking spaces. We expect the construction project to take approximately 20 months following the receipt of necessary permits and licenses, which we expect to receive.

In May 2005, the company signed a management agreement with resort developer Eighth Wonder to manage the casino included in Eighth Wonder's proposal for a new integrated resort complex in Singapore. In the first quarter fiscal 2006, the Company paid Eighth Wonder \$4.0 million pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

On March 15, 2004, we announced that we had been selected by the Illinois Gaming Board as the successful bidder in a federal bankruptcy court auction for the 10th Illinois gaming license conducted pursuant to an agreement approved by, among other parties, the Illinois Attorney General. We bid \$518.0 million to acquire by merger the stock of a company in bankruptcy that owns the license. Our bid currently expires on August 1, 2005, which date has been extended monthly by us several times. If this merger is completed, we expect to spend approximately \$150.0 million in addition to amounts already expended at the site in Rosemont, Illinois to construct a single-level, 40,000 square foot casino with 1,200 gaming positions, restaurants, an entertainment venue and retail space. We plan to finance the Rosemont, Illinois project through equity contributions from us and from a limited number of individual investors, who in the aggregate will own 20% as required by Illinois law, in an amount sufficient to allow non-recourse financing for the remainder of the cash needed to complete the project. The federal bankruptcy court has confirmed the plan of reorganization pursuant to which the merger would be consummated.

The merger remains subject to certain conditions, including a finding of suitability and final approval by the Illinois Gaming Board as well as certain other conditions. In addition, the Illinois Attorney General has raised issues with regard to the appropriateness of the Village of Rosemont as a host

community and the Illinois Gaming Board's selection of our bid. The Illinois Gaming Board (working with the Illinois Attorney General) has also resumed an administrative proceeding seeking to revoke the gaming license from our proposed merger partner, which if successful may adversely impact our ability to operate a gaming facility in the Village of Rosemont. The Illinois Attorney General has also filed a suit against the Illinois Gaming Board seeking to enjoin the Board from conducting a suitability investigation of us in connection with the merger provided for under the plan of reorganization (which suitability review has been "suspended" by the Illinois Gaming Board pending the completion of the aforementioned revocation proceeding). During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005, the governor of Illinois appointed a new gaming board. One of the first acts by the new board was to authorize the reinstatement of the proceeding to rescind the license from the current owner. For the reasons set forth above, among others, we believe that our ability to obtain the gaming license and open a gaming facility in Rosemont has been subjected to added uncertainty. The Illinois Supreme Court has also agreed to review certain challenges to amendments to the Illinois Riverboat Gambling Act relating to the proposed relocation of the 10th license. There can be no assurance that the foregoing conditions will be satisfied or that we will ultimately acquire the license. Additionally, because Illinois limits the number of gaming licenses, each license has intrinsic value. Therefore, this license is considered an intangible asset. As such, the full cost of the license and all associated costs were originally capitalized in the amount of \$2.5 million. Due to the continuing uncertainty with respect to this matter, we have recorded a valuation charge for the full amount expended at April 24, 2005. We do not anticipate any significant expenditures related to the monthly renewal.

On October 29, 2004, we loaned \$5.0 million to Florida Gaming Corporation ("Florida Gaming"). Interest accrues on the unpaid principal balance of the loan at an annual rate of 6.0% and is paid in arrears on the first day of each fiscal quarter. The loan is secured by a pledge of all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Florida Gaming Centers, Inc. ("FGC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Florida Gaming. The entire unpaid principal amount of the loan and unpaid interest thereon is payable on the earlier of (1) the sale of all or any material portion of the assets of, or all or any substantial equity interest in FGC, or (2) December 31, 2008. Concurrently with the loan, Florida Gaming and FGC entered into a letter agreement with us pursuant to which Florida Gaming and FGC gave us exclusive negotiating rights with respect to the acquisition of all or substantially all of FGC's Miami jai alai business for a period ending no later than December 31, 2008.

In November 2004, voters in the State of Florida voted to amend the state's constitution to allow the voters of Miami-Dade and Broward counties (Broward County is the location of the Pompano Park Racetrack) to decide whether to approve slot machines in racetracks and jai alai frontons in their respective counties. Broward county voters passed their local referendum and Dade county voters rejected their referendum in March 2005. Enabling gaming legislation was not passed in the current session of the Florida legislature despite the constitutional requirement that such legislation be in effect by July 1, 2005. Along with the other Broward county pari-mutuels, we filed a lawsuit seeking authority to proceed with the development of slot machine facilities despite the absence of enabling legislation. On June 21, 2005, the Circuit Court judge issued a decision in favor of the pari-mutuel facilities, which decision will be appealed. Accordingly, the regulation and timing of installation and operation of slot machines has not been finally determined. Should we be successful, we plan to construct a new facility in two phases. Phase I will include an expansion of the existing facility to accommodate 1,800 to 2,000 additional slots, at a cost of approximately \$155.0 million to be completed in approximately nine to twelve months from project start. Phase II, subject to timing and circumstances of Phase I, will include an additional facility expansion and an additional 1,000 slots at a planned cost of approximately \$85.0 million.

In January 2005, we announced plans to deploy the IGT Advantage Tasino System. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$24.7 million, of which \$1.6 million is included in the Colorado Central Station-Black Hawk property expansion project discussed above. We have also spent \$7.7 million at the Isle-Biloxi, the Isle-Vicksburg, the Isle-Lula, the Isle-Natchez and another property to be determined, leaving a remaining budget of \$15.4 million. This will allow our properties to experience

product upgrades to operate more competitively within their markets. Our slot improvement initiative also includes an increased ticket-in/ticket-out slot product offering.

We expense all developmental costs until we determine that ultimate licensure and operation is deemed probable. At that time, we evaluate the applicable costs and capitalize if appropriate.

All of our development plans are subject to obtaining permits, licenses and approvals from appropriate regulatory and other agencies and, in certain circumstances, negotiating acceptable leases. In addition, many of the plans are preliminary, subject to continuing refinement or otherwise subject to change.

#### Financing Activities

During the twelve month period ended April 24, 2005, we had net sources of cash of \$55.4 million primarily in the following financing activities:

- · We received proceeds from the issuance of new debt of \$250.7 million.
- · We made net borrowings under the Isle-Black Hawk's credit facility of \$26.0 million.
  - · We made borrowings under Blue Chip's credit facility of \$0.1 million.
- · We made principal payments on our senior secured credit facility and other debt of \$210.0 million.
  - · We purchased 364,895 shares of our common stock at a total cost of \$6.4 million.
    - · We made cash distributions to a minority partner totaling \$4.3 million.
  - · We paid \$5.2 million in costs related to the refinancing of our senior secured credit facility.

On February 4, 2005, we refinanced our senior secured credit facility. Our new senior secured facility provides for a \$400.0 million revolving credit facility maturing on February 4, 2010 and a \$250.0 million term loan facility maturing on February 4, 2011 (or at our option, February 6, 2012 if we elect to refinance our existing 9.00% senior subordinated notes currently due March 2012) with an additional \$50.0 million delayed draw term loan available until August 3, 2005. At our mutual discretion with the lead arranger, we may increase the revolver and/or term loan, in an aggregate amount up to \$200.0 million, subject to certain conditions. The term loans are payable in quarterly installments beginning on March 31, 2005 and ending on February 4, 2011 unless extended as described above. The revolving credit facility may bear interest at the higher of (1) 0.5% in excess of the federal funds effective rate or the rate that the bank group announces from time to time as its prime lending rate plus an applicable margin of up to 1.75% or (2) a rate tied to a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of up to 2.75%. The term loan may bear interest at the higher of (1) 0.5% in excess of the federal funds effective rate or the rate that the bank group announces from time to time as its prime lending rate plus an applicable margin of up to 0.75% or (2) a rate tied to a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 1.75%. The proceeds from the refinancing were used to pay down the existing senior secured credit facility term loan, of which \$205.6 million in principal and \$0.7 million in accrued interest were outstanding as of February 4, 2005. The remainder of the undrawn facility will be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, permitted acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments.

Pursuant to the refinancing, we recognized a loss before income taxes on early extinguishment of debt of \$5.3 million, due to the write-off of previously deferred financing costs related to our existing senior secured credit facility. The costs associated with the new senior secured credit facility have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the new facility.

Our senior secured credit facility, among other things, limits our ability to borrow money, make capital expenditures, use assets as security in other transactions, make restricted payments or restricted investments, incur contingent obligations, sell assets and enter into leases and transactions with affiliates. In addition, our credit facility requires us to meet certain financial ratios and tests, including: a minimum

consolidated EBITDA test, a maximum consolidated total leverage test, a maximum consolidated senior leverage test, and a minimum interest coverage ratio.

As of April 24, 2005, we had \$439.8 million of capacity under lines of credit and available term debt consisting of \$398.8 million in unused credit capacity under the revolving loan commitment on our senior secured credit facility, \$9.0 million of unused credit capacity under the Isle-Black Hawk's senior secured credit facility (limited to use by the Isle-Black Hawk) and \$54.0 million of available credit under other lines of credit. The revolving loan commitment is a variable rate instrument based on, at our option, LIBOR or our lender's prime rate plus the applicable interest rate spread, and is effective through February 2011. Our lines of credit are also at variable rates based on our lender's prime rate and are subject to annual renewal. There is no assurance that these sources will in fact provide adequate funding for the expenditures described above or that planned capital investments will be sufficient to allow us to remain competitive in our existing markets.

During the year, we modified the covenants related to the Isle-Black Hawk senior credit facility to align the covenants with the financial impact of projected effects of construction on those facilities. We are in compliance with all covenants contained in our senior and subordinated debt instruments as of April 24, 2005. If we do not maintain compliance with these covenants, the lenders under the Black Hawk senior secured credit facility have the option (in some cases, after the expiration of contractual grace periods), but not the obligation, to demand immediate repayment of all or any portion of the obligations outstanding under the facility. Any significant deterioration of earnings could affect certain of our covenants. Adverse changes in our credit rating or stock price would not impact our borrowing costs or covenant compliance under existing debt instruments. Future events, such as a significant increase in interest rates can be expected to increase our costs of borrowing under our Black Hawk senior secured credit facility. The indentures governing our 7% senior subordinated notes and our 9% senior subordinated notes limit, among other things, our ability to borrow money, create liens, make restricted payments and sell assets. We anticipate being in compliance with our debt covenants during fiscal year 2006.

We are highly leveraged and may be unable to obtain additional debt or equity financing on acceptable terms. As a result, limitations on our capital resources could delay or cause us to abandon certain plans for capital improvements at our existing properties and/or development of new properties. We will continue to evaluate our planned capital expenditures at each of our existing locations in light of the operating performance of the facilities at such locations.

#### **Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

The following table provides information as of April 24, 2005, about our contractual obligations and commercial commitments. The table presents contractual obligations by due dates and related contractual commitments by expiration dates.

			nts Due by Poars in million							
Contractual Obligations	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	After 5 Years					
Long-Term Debt (1)	\$ 1,153.9	\$ 7.4	\$ 198.1	\$ 9.0	\$ 939.4					
Capital Lease Obligations (2)	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.8					
Operating Leases (2)	1,062.8	16.1	30.4	29.6	986.7					
Other Long-Term Obligations (3)	102.2	98.6	3.3	0.4						
Total Contractual Cash Obligations	\$ 2,321.1	\$ 122.2	\$ 231.9	\$ 39.2	\$ 1,927.9					

	Amount of Commitment Expiration per Period									
	(dollars in millions)									
	Total									
Other Commercial	Amounts Less Than 1 Over 5									
Commitments	Committed	Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	Years					
Lines of Credit (1)	\$ 452.8	\$ 54.0	\$ 9.0	\$ 389.8	\$ -					
Standby Letters of Credit (4)	17.9	17.9	-	ı	-					
Total Commercial										
Commitments	\$ 470.7	\$ 71.9	\$ 9.0	\$ 389.8	\$ -					

- (1) The table does not include associated interest expense. See Note 7, Long-Term Debt, in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
- (2) See Note 9, Commitments, in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
- (3) Other long-term obligations include current and future construction contracts as discussed under "Investing Activities" on page 63. This amount also includes \$8.7 million in open purchase orders at April 24, 2005.
- (4) Standby letters of credit consists of the following: \$5.0 million for the Isle-Black Hawk and Colorado Central Station, \$2.1 million for gaming taxes, \$4.3 million for workers' compensation and \$6.5 million for other.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

On December 16, 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123(R)"), which is a revision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"). Statement 123(R) supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25"), and amends Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 95, "Statement of Cash Flows" ("SFAS 95"). Generally, the accounting method required by SFAS 123(R) is similar to the accounting method required by SFAS 123. However, SFAS 123(R) requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the income statement based on their fair market

values. Pro forma disclosure is no longer an alternative. SFAS 123(R) must be adopted as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period of our first fiscal year that begins on or after June 15, 2005. Early adoption will be permitted in periods in which financial statements have not yet been issued. We are required to adopt SFAS 123(R) on May 1, 2006, but are continuing to evaluate our option to early adopt.

SFAS 123(R) permits public companies to adopt its requirements using one of two methods:

- 1) A "modified prospective" method in which compensation cost is recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS 123(R) for all share-based payments granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS 123 for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS 123(R) that remain unvested on the effective date.
- 2) A "modified retrospective" method which includes the requirements of the modified prospective method described above, but also permits entities to restate for the amounts previously recognized under SFAS 123 for purposes of pro forma disclosures either (a) all prior periods presented or (b) prior interim periods of the year of adoption.

We are currently evaluating the two recognition methods available under SFAS 123(R) to determine which method we will adopt.

As permitted by SFAS 123, we currently account for share-based payments to employees using APB 25's intrinsic value method and, as such, generally recognize no compensation cost for employee stock options. Accordingly, the adoption of SFAS 123(R)'s fair value method is expected to have a significant impact on our results of operations, although it will have no impact on our overall financial position. The ongoing impact of adoption of SFAS 123(R) cannot be predicted at this time because it will depend on levels of share-based payments granted in the future. However, had we adopted SFAS 123(R) in prior periods, the impact of that standard would have approximated the impact of SFAS 123 as described in the disclosure of pro forma net income and earnings per share in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements. SFAS 123(R) also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as required under current literature. This requirement will reduce net operating cash flows and increase net financing cash flows in periods after adoption.

#### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, including interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and equity prices. Our primary exposure to market risk is interest rate risk associated with our senior secured credit facility and the Isle-Black Hawk senior secured credit facility.

#### **Isle-Black Hawk Senior Secured Credit Facility**

The Isle-Black Hawk has entered into four interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional value of \$80.0 million or 42.2% of its variable rate term debt outstanding under the Isle-Black Hawk's senior secured credit facility as of April 24, 2005. The swap agreements effectively convert portions of its variable rate debt to a fixed-rate basis until the fourth fiscal quarter of 2008, thus reducing the impact of interest rate changes on future interest expense. These interest rate swap agreements terminate as follows: \$40.0 million in each of fiscal 2006 and 2008. We evaluate the effectiveness of these hedged transactions on a quarterly basis. We found no portion of the hedging instruments to be ineffective during the quarter ended April 24, 2005. Accordingly, no gains or losses have been recognized on these cash flow hedges.

The following table provides information at April 24, 2005 about our financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates.

# Interest Rate Sensitivity Principal (Notional) Amount by Expected Maturity Average Interest (Swap) Rate

Fiscal year								Value
(dollars in millions)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Thereafter	Total	4/24/2005
Liabilities								
Long-term debt, including c	urrent portion							
Fixed rate	\$ 1.6	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.0	\$ 704.3	\$ 710.5	\$ 706.4
Average interest rate	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%		
Variable rate	\$ 5.9	\$ 31.4	\$ 164.5	\$ 4.5	\$ 2.5	\$ 236.9	\$ 445.7	\$ 445.7
Average interest rate (1)	6.0%	6.6%	6.7%	6.3%	6.4%	6.6%		
<b>Interest Rate Derivative F</b>	inancial Instr	uments Rela	ited to Deb	t				
Interest rate swaps								
Pay fixed/receive variable								
(2)	\$ 40.0	\$ -	\$ 40.0	\$ -	\$ -	- \$ -	\$ 80.0	\$ 0.3
Average pay rate	2.6%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

⁽¹⁾ Represents the annual average LIBOR from the forward yield curve at April 24, 2005 plus the weighted average margin above LIBOR on all consolidated variable rate debt.

4.4%

0.0%

0.0%

0.0%

4.2%

3.6%

Average receive rate

Fair

⁽²⁾ Fair value represents the amount we would have to pay the counter party if we had terminated the swap agreements at April 24, 2005.

We are also exposed to market risks relating to fluctuations in currency exchange rates related to our ownership interests and development activities in the UK.

For the fiscal year ended April 24, 2005, we recorded a gain of \$2.0 million in foreign currency translation adjustments on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Foreign currency translation adjustments show the cumulative effect, at the balance sheet date, of fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rate on balances denominated in a foreign currency, which were recorded at a historical rate at the transaction date.

### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

1	Page
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.	
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	73
Consolidated Balance Sheets, April 24, 2005 and April 25, 2004	74
Consolidated Statements of Income, Years ended April 24, 2005, April 25, 2004 and April 27, 2003	75
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, Years ended April 24, 2005, April 25, 2004	
and April 27, 2003	76
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, Years ended April 24, 2005, April 25, 2004	
and April 27, 2003	77
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements	79
72	

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. as of April 24, 2005 and April 25, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years ended April 24, 2005, April 25, 2004 and April 27, 2003. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. at April 24, 2005 and April 25, 2004, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended April 24, 2005, April 25, 2004 and April 27, 2003, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of April 24, 2005, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated June 28, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

**ERNST & YOUNG** 

LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana June 28, 2005

## ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except per share data)

<u>ASSETS</u>	April 24, 2005		April 25, 2004
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	146,743	\$ 134,582
Marketable securities		16,016	-
Accounts receivable, net		15,460	10,427
Income tax receivable		-	2,860
Deferred income taxes		8,607	11,283
Deferred state income taxes		988	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets		16,634	16,169
Total current assets		204,448	175,321
Property and equipment, net		1,026,906	907,460
Other assets:			
Goodwill		340,409	341,585
Other intangible assets		72,364	72,349
Deferred financing costs, net		19,461	23,340
Restricted cash		2,193	2,482
Prepaid deposits and other		15,665	9,303
Total assets	\$	1,681,446	\$ 1,531,840
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS'</b>			
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	7,501	\$ 8,040
Accounts payable		42,456	21,725
Accrued liabilities:			
Interest		10,312	10,311
Payroll and related		47,806	45,588
Property and other taxes		21,061	17,167
Income taxes		1,160	-
Progressive jackpots and slot club awards		15,045	14,828
Other		34,321	21,856
Total current liabilities		179,662	139,515
Long-term debt, less current maturities		1,148,617	1,080,824
Deferred income taxes		42,102	29,630
Deferred state income taxes		9,329	8,191
Other accrued liabilities		17,115	12,091
Minority interest		23,225	20,183
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 2,000 shares			
authorized; none issued		-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 45,000 shares			
authorized; shares issued and			
		335	330

outstanding: 33,528 at April 24, 2005 and 33,055 at

April 25, 2004