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### TWIN RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP RELEASES ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY ON POTENTIAL OF A TIVERTON CASINO

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**LINCOLN, RI, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016:** An Economic Impact Study conducted on behalf of Twin River Management Group (TRMG) concludes that the operation of a Tiverton casino without competition from a Taunton, Massachusetts casino creates 1,718 total jobs and adds \$91.0 million to tax revenues from both gaming taxes and non-gaming sources like sales tax, personal and corporate income tax, and various other taxes and fees. New economic activity, also called value added or gross state product, is estimated at \$157.1 million.

With competition from a Taunton casino, as envisioned by the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe, a Tiverton casino would create 1,391 total jobs, \$68.0 million in tax revenue from all sources, and \$121.4 million in new economic activity.

The Economic Impact Study was conducted by Spectrum Gaming Group, an independent research and professional services firm that serves private and public-sector clients worldwide. The report estimates the net economic impacts on the State of Rhode Island of building and operating a new casino in Tiverton using Newport Grand's gaming license. Because both Newport and Tiverton are in the same county, the economic model used in this study did not break out results specific to the Town of Tiverton from the statewide results found throughout this report. The report relied primarily on operating data provided by Twin River and gaming-revenue forecasts provided by a third party and using a widely accepted economic impact model from IMPLAN, working in concert with the UMass Donahue Institute.

**A complete copy of the EIS, including its methodology, is attached.**

After accounting for the closure of Newport Grand and with assumed competition from a Taunton casino, the operation of new casino in Tiverton in the year 2019 will provide the

State of Rhode Island with a net increase in jobs, tax revenue, and economic activity. Specifically, the State of Rhode Island can expect 791 jobs, \$30.2 million of tax revenue, and \$64.5 million of net new economic activity from a Tiverton casino.

Without a new southeastern Massachusetts casino, net gains to the State climb to 1,118 jobs, \$53.3 million of tax revenues, and \$100.2 million of net new economic activity.

Details of all scenarios are shown in the graph below.

**Figure 1: Net impacts of transferring Newport Grand’s license to a Tiverton casino, 2019 dollars<sup>1</sup>**

Source: TRMG, Spectrum Gaming Group, UMass Donahue Institute, IMPLAN

Total Impact Summary	Tiverton with Taunton	Tiverton with No Other Casinos in SE Massachusetts
<b>Tiverton Projections</b>		
Employment	1,391	1,718
Labor Income	\$78,348,343	\$100,125,774
Total Value Added	\$121,427,083	\$157,123,890
Output	\$163,399,794	\$216,298,185
Tax Impacts	\$67,954,696	\$91,029,357
<b>Closure of the Newport Grand</b>		
Employment	-599	-599
Labor Income	-\$36,994,401	-\$36,994,401
Total Value Added	-\$56,934,098	-\$56,934,098
Output	-\$78,903,070	-\$78,903,070
Tax Impacts	-\$37,765,219	-\$37,765,219
<b>Net Impacts</b>		
Employment	791	1,118
Labor Income	\$41,353,942	\$63,131,373
Total Value Added	\$64,492,985	\$100,189,792
Output	\$84,496,724	\$137,395,115
Tax Impacts	\$30,189,477	\$53,264,138

<sup>1</sup> A glossary appears after the table of contents.

## **Net impacts of transferring Newport Grand’s license to a Tiverton casino, 2019 dollars – (graph found on page iii of Executive Summary)**

“Without question, the results of the analyses in this report show that the State of Rhode Island can expect to see net economic gains from transferring the gaming license of Newport Grand Casino to a new casino in Tiverton,” noted TRMG chairman John E. Taylor, Jr. “Although there exists uncertainty regarding projected revenues due to the evolving Massachusetts gaming market, the worst-case revenue and tax projections would have to be off by more than 50 percent to change this general conclusion.”

For further context and general background, the report also measures the current economic contributions of Twin River Casino and Newport Grand Casino. Using the last full year of data, in 2015 Twin River Casino contributed \$305 million in gaming taxes. The direct activity created 3,112 total jobs and \$489.6 million of total output. Newport Grand direct activity created 260 total jobs and \$33.7 million of total output.

“This analysis was encouraging to us for two key reasons,” noted Mr. Taylor. “It signals to us and the State that our efforts to grow and improve upon the financial viability of a casino in the Newport County area have merit, even in the face of potential increased competition from Massachusetts. Second, we have long believed that it is critically important the voters understand exactly what is at stake with Question One, which is on the November ballot. The findings of this study provide that level of detail from an economic impact perspective and we hope will allow the voters to make an informed decision.”

*Twin River Management Group owns and manages two casinos in Rhode Island and one in Mississippi, as well as a Colorado horse racetrack that possesses 13 OTB licenses. Properties include Twin River Casino in Lincoln, RI, Newport Grand Casino in Newport, RI, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi and Arapahoe Park in Aurora, Colorado. TRMG is a wholly owned subsidiary of Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc. For more information, visit [www.twinrivermanagementgroup.com](http://www.twinrivermanagementgroup.com).*

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