



Minnesota Gambling Control Board

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## Request to Conduct of Raffle Using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

### **"Diamond (Gemstone) Melt" Raffle – DENIED**

October 20, 2008, Board Meeting

#### **Proposed conduct of the game**

The basic concept of this alternative raffle would involve the placement of a diamond or a faux diamond in a glass or container with crushed ice. Each participant would receive a container and wait for the ice to melt to reveal the diamond. The holder of the container with the diamond wins the prize.

#### **Denied**

The alternative raffle request is denied for the following reasons:

- The integrity of the selection method could be compromised due to the fact that the diamond would need to be placed in a particular numbered container by a person associated with the event and that person could reveal the "prize container" to one of the participants (inside information).
- If there was a way to assure the confidentiality of the placement of the diamond, there is also the possibility the selection method could be compromised if a participant simply added their own faux diamond into their container without knowledge of the event coordinators. This could cause the proposed winning container to be contested given the "appearance" of two diamonds.