

ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD Press Release

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ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD STATEMENT REGARDING EMERALD CASINO INC.'s PROPOSED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

The Illinois Gaming Board is looking forward to reviewing the documents it received from Emerald's attorneys last evening.

The Illinois Gaming Board remains committed to activating the 10th casino license through a fair, open and competitive process, which has been its position since negotiations first commenced in April 2001.

The Illinois Gaming Board hopes that these documents contain all of the provisions that the Board has put forth over the past two years to bring finality to this complex issue.