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Public Notice on Illegal Gaming

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The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment, which is responsible to regulate gaming (casinos, gaming establishments, online gaming) in Belize, has been receiving information of the existence of several unlicensed gaming houses in the country. The ministry along with the help of the Belize Police Department has been monitoring these clandestine operations.

The public is advised that the Gaming Control Board is the only legal entity that can issue a license for gaming activity in Belize. Currently, there are only five licensed gaming premises (casinos) in the country that are allowed to have live games such as poker, blackjack, etc. These licensed gaming premises are:

- Princess Entertainment (Free Zone) Limited Corozal
- El Dorado Investment Limited Corozal
- Casino Tropicana Company Limited Belize City
- Princess Entertainment (Belize) Limited Belize City
- Princess International (San Ignacio) Limited San Ignacio Town

Any other company or person that conducts, hosts, or promotes live games or card games for monetary profit is doing so illegally. The public is asked to refrain from visiting or doing business with these illegal entities.

All gaming companies in Belize require licensing under the Gaming Control Act and its regulations. Any violation to the act shall be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

For further information about gaming in Belize, please contact the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit in Belmopan at (501) 828-6704 or email BelizeInvestment@invest.gov.bz.

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