

Media Statement

Alderney Gambling Control Commission

The Alderney Gambling Control Commission (“the Commission”) today released its Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2008. The report sets out the Commission’s approach to regulation, its licensing, compliance and other activities during the year, and its financial statements.

The Commission believes that its long-established “hands-on” approach towards regulation is in tune with the times. The Commission has always followed a policy of offering relatively strict and comprehensive regulation and the recent worldwide financial crisis has confirmed that this approach is the right one.

Amongst the various activities and events that took place during the course of the year, the Commission wishes to highlight that a total of thirteen licenses were issued during the year, bringing the total number of current licensees to forty two. To maintain the required level of regulation in the jurisdiction, it was necessary to strengthen the staff complement. The Commission staff moved to new offices at St Anne’s House in Queen Elizabeth II Street, Alderney, which will greatly assist in maintaining maximum operational efficiency. Finally, the Commission distributed £3.6 million of its accumulated surpluses to the States of Alderney during the year, which is more than has been distributed in any previous year.

The full report is available at

<http://www.gamblingcontrol.org/userfiles/file/annualreport2008.pdf>

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