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Innovation Inquiry

Each week, we will be conducting an anonymous poll from our database of Gaming Newsweekly readers to highlight topical industry news that matters most to you. This week's Innovation Inquiry is:

Heading into this year's G2E conference, would you consider the overall environment for casino gaming to be stronger than it was last year?



Featured Article:

New Jersey Sports Betting Revenue Soars With Introduction Of Online Bets

September 12, 2018

NEW JERSEY - (Chris Grove, Forbes) - In international sports betting, online is king, accounting for two-thirds or more of total activity in most regulated markets. The August revenue numbers for New Jersey's recently-regulated sports betting market suggest that online betting will play a similarly dominant role in the U.S. market. Online sports bets accounted for just over a third of New Jersey's total sports betting revenue in August. That's with only three brands (DraftKings, playMGM, and SugarHouse) in the market for only part of the month with limited products and deposit options.

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How would 'Hollywood Casino York' affect Springettsbury Township?

September 16, 2018

PENNSYLVANIA- (Jana Benschoter, York Dispatch) - When state lawmakers expanded gambling in Pennsylvania last year, they created a new category of casino - the so-called "mini-casino." But when Penn National Gaming submitted the winning bid in January for the first of 10 licenses, it became clear that York County's first casino might be "mini" in name only. The Wyomissing-based company - which announced recently it had chosen the York Galleria mall for its future casino - paid \$52.6 million, including license fee, for the opportunity to operate 750 slot machines and said it planned to pay another \$2.5 million to operate 40 table games.

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Macau Casinos to Reopen After \$186 Million Loss From Storm Halt

September 15, 2018

LAS VEGAS- (Daniela Wei and Stephen Tan, Bloomberg) - Macau casino stocks retreated after Typhoon Mangkhut forced a 33-hour shutdown of the world's biggest gambling hub, a halt that's estimated to cost operators including Sands China Ltd. and Wynn Macau Ltd. as much as \$186 million in revenue. Nearly all casinos in the enclave, a one-hour ferry ride from Hong Kong, reopened at 8 a.m. local time Monday, after a government order shuttered their doors at 11 p.m. Saturday night as the storm approached.

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Pennsylvania to open out-of-state online gambling license derby

September 13, 2018

PENNSYLVANIA - (Steven Stradbrooke, Calvin Ayre) - Pennsylvania regulators have approved two more online gambling license applications while preparing to offer the few remaining licenses to out-of-state or even international operators. Wednesday's meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) saw two more of the state's casinos - Penn National Gaming's Hollywood Casino and Rush Street Gaming's SugarHouse - win the right to operate in the state's imminent online gambling market.

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MRG's Mr Green online casino fined €312k by Dutch regulator

September 12, 2018

NETHERLANDS - (Steven Stradbrooke, Calvin Ayre) - Online gambling operator MRG's Mr Green brand has been fined €312,500 for offering online casino products to Dutch punters. On Wednesday, the Netherlands' Kansspelautoriteit (KSA) regulatory body announced that it had imposed the six-figure penalty against MRG's Malta-licensed subsidiary Mr Green Ltd for offering online games of chance to Dutch punters via the MrGreen.com website without a local license.

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What would a sale mean for Jack Cincinnati Casino?

September 12, 2018

CINCINNATI - (Dan Monk, WCPO Cincinnati) - Jack Entertainment Chairman Dan Gilbert could fetch up to \$2.7 billion if he cashed in all his chips on casino investments in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit and elsewhere. But industry analyst Chad Beynon said Gilbert could also generate "\$1.5 billion or so" by continuing to operate casinos and selling off real estate assets tied to gaming. Beynon, who follows the gaming industry for Macquarie Capital, compiled the estimates at WCPO's request after a Sept. 5 Bloomberg report that Gilbert is evaluating a potential sale.

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Reno's Eldorado gets temporary OK to own Tropicana casino in Atlantic City

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ATLANTIC CITY- (Wayne Parry, Associated Press) - Eldorado Resorts was given temporary approval to own Atlantic City's Tropicana casino, expressing optimism about a growing market rather than nervousness over increasing competition. The Reno-based company is taking over the Atlantic City site as part of a \$1.85 billion acquisition of Tropicana Entertainment. The New Jersey Casino Control Commission granted interim authority to the company on Wednesday to own the casino. The agency still must approve a full casino license for Eldorado.

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Casino revenues up 22.5 percent in August

September 12, 2018

ATLANTIC CITY- (David Danzis, Press of Atlantic City) - The resort's casinos saw overall gaming revenue, including internet gaming and sports betting, increase by 22.5 percent in August compared with last year, according to state gambling figures released Wednesday. Overall casino gambling

revenue totaled more than \$300 million last month, compared with \$244.8 million in August 2017, according to the state Division of Gaming Enforcement.

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NFL season kicks off sports betting surge for DraftKings

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NEW YORK- (Laila Kearney, Reuters) - The start of the National Football League season brought a rush of online betting for sports wagering provider DraftKings, where total bets in a single day equaled 10 percent of the number of bets placed over the previous five weeks, the company said. It took DraftKings, which operates mainly as a fantasy sports company, 38 days to reach one million sports bets since launching its online sportsbook in New Jersey on August 1, company co-founder and Chief Revenue Officer Matthew Kalish told Reuters in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

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Maryland casinos August gains; MGM baccarat dealer conspiracy

September 11, 2018

MARYLAND - (Peter Amsel, Calvin Ayre) - Maryland's six casinos reported an overall modest gaming revenue increase in August, while the state's biggest casino dealt with a case of insider cheating. Figures released by the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Agency showed the state's casino operators generated combined gaming revenue of \$146.3m in August, a 6.4% improvement over the same month last year, although a minor reduction from July 2018's \$146.5m.

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Greece Finally Unveils New Online Gambling Regulation

September 11, 2018

GREECE- (Ella McDonald, Legal Gambling) - iGaming operators who had plans to enter Greece have had to wait a long time for online gaming regulation to be released. Information was finally released to the public earlier this week and a number of operators have been surprised especially by the huge licensing costs attached. The Greek Ministry of Finance revealed their plans to restructure the country's online gambling market on Friday. Since 2011, 24 operators have been operating with transitional permits and they will now be able to apply for new gambling licenses.

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The Stars Group Announces Filing Date for Business Acquisition Report with Respect to Sky Betting & Gaming and Conference Call and Webcast Details for Investor Call

September 10, 2018

TORONTO- (PRNewswire) - The Stars Group Inc. (Nasdaq :TSG) (TSX :TSGI) today announced that it intends to file on Monday, September 17, 2018 its business acquisition report ("BAR") with respect to the acquisition of Sky Betting & Gaming. The BAR will include, among other information, Sky Betting & Gaming's audited financial statements for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 as well as certain pro forma unaudited financial statements.

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