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NATIONAL GAMBLING BOARD LAUNCHES VERIFIED GAMBLING OPERATORS WEB PORTAL TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND THE ECONOMY BY PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING WITH LOCALLY LICENSED GAMBLING OPERATORS AND TO ERADICATE ILLEGAL GAMBLING

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The National Gambling Board (“NGB”) is pleased to announce the official launch of a dedicated online platform that provides the public with access to a consolidated and comprehensive list of all legal and verified licensed gambling operators in South Africa.

This key initiative is aimed at NGB’s ongoing efforts to combat illegal gambling (including online and offshore gambling) while promoting responsible gambling practices, gambling only with locally licensed operators, protecting the public, and protecting the economy.

Through collaborative efforts with the Provincial Licensing Authorities (“PLAs”), the newly launched platform provides the public with easy access to a centralised, accessible and regularly updated list of licensed gambling operators across South Africa, where members of the public can easily confirm whether a gambling operator, whether online or land-based is licensed in South Africa. This initiative empowers members of the public to make informed decisions and ensures that those who choose to participate in gambling activities do so through legal and regulated channels that have the necessary safeguards.

Illegal gambling continues to pose significant risks to consumers, including financial loss, lack of recourse in disputes, and exposure to fraudulent practices. By offering a reliable verification tool, the NGB aims to reduce these risks and strengthen public trust in the regulated gambling sector.

“This platform is a critical step in safeguarding South Africans from the dangers posed by illegal gambling. It gives the public a trusted resource to verify licensed gambling operators and ensures that those who choose to gamble can do so in a safe, regulated environment and strengthens oversight and accountability within the gambling industry. Accordingly, this consolidated and comprehensive list will be made available to law enforcement agencies, tax authorities and financial institutions for enhanced collaborative enforcement interventions”, says the Acting CEO of NGB, Mr. Lungile Dukwana.

Additionally, Mr. Dukwana said, “We are not encouraging gambling beyond recreation, but rather promoting informed and responsible participation for those who choose to engage in it. Our priority is to protect vulnerable individuals and ensure compliance



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within the gambling industry". The NGB emphasises that **only gambling operators listed on the platform are legally authorised to offer gambling services in South Africa**. The list of verified gambling operators can be found on the NGB website <https://www.ngb.org.za/verified-operators/>.

The NGB urges members of the public to always verify gambling operators before participating and to report any suspicious or illegal gambling activities by contacting the NGB switchboard on 010 003 3475 or sending an email to info@ngb.org.za. Alternatively, any suspicious or illegal gambling activity must be reported to the relevant PLA within the province in which such activities have been identified. The NGB further clarifies that the list is not published with the intent of advertising gambling but to protect the public from utilising illegal gambling sites or establishments when participating in any gambling activity.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL GAMBLING BOARD

The National Gambling Board (NGB), an agency of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic), was established in terms of the National Gambling Act, Act No 33 of 1996 which was repealed on 01 November 2004 by the National Gambling Act, 2004, (Act No 7 of 2004) ('the Act'). The Act makes provision for the oversight of matters relating to casinos, bingo, betting and wagering and Limited Payout Machines (LPMs), and promotes uniform norms and standards in relation to gambling throughout South Africa.

The strength of the NGB is informed by multiple decades of regulating a gambling industry which was fragmented with low credibility from the pre-1994 era. Its performance outcome is an effectively regulated and continuously supervised gambling industry, which is a significant economic sector that upholds national and internationally recognised standards of compliance and consequently national and international industry reputation.

The NGB is a regulator with concurrent competencies with the provincial gambling regulators. Its work is to ensure harmonisation and consistency with the National Gambling Act and its statutes. The NGB provides a stable environment within which the gambling industry can grow its operations for the benefit of all.

Additionally, the NGB prioritises broad-based public education around illegal gambling and responsible gambling in the best interest of the South African public, balancing a capable state, with the economic growth of the industry and social cohesion.

Vision

To position South Africa as the pre-eminent jurisdiction with an exemplary and effectively regulated gambling industry.

Mission

Lead the regulation of the gambling industry in the fulfilment of the National Gambling Act, 2004, through an effectively regulated and supervised gambling industry that upholds domestic, continental and internationally recognised standards of compliance.

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