

Press Release

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POKERTEK INSTALLS POKERPRO AT HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO IN HOME STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Matthews, NC – March 9, 2009: PokerTek, Inc., the industry pioneer and worldwide leader in automated poker tables and related software, is pleased to announce that they have installed five PokerPro tables at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel in Cherokee, North Carolina. The new poker room opened Friday March 6 at 4:00 pm. This is the first time that Harrah's Cherokee has offered live automated poker at the property.

"Installing PokerPro at Harrah's Cherokee is a great thing for the poker players of the South," said Chris Halligan, PokerTek's CEO. "This will be the only live automated Texas Hold'em offered within almost 350 miles, and we're confident that players in the region will appreciate the benefits of automated poker. At last, the good people of Asheville, Charlotte, Atlanta and Knoxville have a room they can call their own."

"The games are very popular in other markets, and we're confident our customers will be pleased also," said Ron Hager, Director of Table Games for Harrah's Cherokee Casino. "Players will find Texas Hold'em, Seven Card Stud and Omaha cash games and tournaments, with a wide variety of limits and buy-ins."

The Poker Room at Harrah's Cherokee expects to offer \$1/2 No-Limit, \$2/5 No-Limit and \$3/6 Limit Cash games. For tournament players, \$115 sit-n-go's and a variety of multi-table tournaments are coming soon, pending regulatory approval. For more information about the Harrah's Cherokee poker room and their specific game offerings, please visit their website: www.harrahscherokee.com.

PokerPro tables are cutting-edge electronic gaming devices that simulate live poker and allow players to play against one another. Players can privately view their hole cards and place bets using their individual screens. The community cards, pot and player table stakes are all displayed on a large center monitor for all players to see.

Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel is located in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains and is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The expansive property boasts a 15-story hotel and conference center, along with a multitude of restaurants and cafes. The casino offers a variety of gaming options, including the popular lock-n-roll games, raffle reels, video poker, digital blackjack and mini baccarita.

About PokerTek:

PokerTek, Inc. (NASDAQ: PTEK), headquartered in Matthews, NC, develops and markets products for the casino and amusement industries. PokerTek developed PokerPro automated poker tables and related software applications to increase casino revenue, reduce expenses and attract new players into poker rooms by offering interactive poker that is fast, fun and mistake-free. Heads-Up Challenge is a two-player table that allows bars and restaurant patrons to compete head-to-head in various games for amusement purposes, increases earnings for game operators and provides patrons unique and challenging on-site entertainment. Both products are installed worldwide. For more information, please visit the company's website at: www.PokerTek.com, or contact Tracy Egan at 704.849.0860 x106.

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