

Press Release

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POKERPRO FORMALLY APPROVED BY NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

Matthews, NC – March 19, 2009: PokerTek, Inc. is pleased to announce that PokerPro, the world's leading automated poker table, was approved today by the Nevada Gaming Commission. This approval paves the way for PokerTek to expand its presence in the state of Nevada, home to over 1,000 poker tables.

"We are delighted to be approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission," said Chris Halligan, PokerTek's CEO. "Nevada is one of the most important gaming markets in the world and its regulatory processes are stringent and challenging. To receive approval from Nevada is a huge milestone for our company and our product."

PokerPro commenced its field trial last August at the Excalibur Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, where there are 12 tables installed in Excalibur's poker room. Thanks to PokerPro, Excalibur has become the hub for low stakes Pot Limit Omaha on the Vegas Strip. Excalibur is leveraging PokerPro to offer players \$3 rake on all \$1/2 No Limit Hold'em games, as well as all of their Limit Hold'em games. And starting today, this cutting-edge poker room is running a Super 64 heads-up tournament on PokerPro, to coincide with the NCAA basketball championships.

"Since we started field trial in Nevada, we've had tremendous interest from prospects around the state," said Robert Perry, PokerTek's Vice President of Sales. "Thanks to this approval, we're now able to grow the footprint of automated poker in the Silver State."

PokerPro, the only automated poker table approved in Nevada, provides operators a highly innovative, low cost method of delivering poker to their patrons. PokerPro benefits players by significantly increasing hands per hour, eliminating player mistakes, showing hand histories and offering innovative options that are not possible on manual tables.

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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