

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2020-04

**CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES PLAYING  
CARD COMPANY FOR A GAMING-RELATED VENDOR LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 6(C)(4) of the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) to ensure the integrity of casino gaming by, among other things, licensing and regulating all gaming authorized by Article XV, Section 6(C) of the Ohio Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.09(A) prohibits a gaming-related vendor or a key employee from conducting or participating in conducting casino gaming without first being licensed by the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.10(B) requires each gaming-related vendor and key employee seeking licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 to establish their suitability by clear and convincing evidence;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.12(A) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-02(A) require each gaming-related vendor seeking licensure to submit, under oath, a Gaming-Related Vendor License Application (“Vendor Application”);

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.121 and Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 3772-6 authorize the Commission to issue a gaming-related vendor license to an applicant after the Commission determines that the applicant is eligible for licensure and has paid all applicable fees;

**WHEREAS**, a gaming-related vendor is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Submission of a true and complete Vendor Application, as required by R.C. 3772.10(C) and 3772.12(A) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-02(A);
- (B) Payment of the nonrefundable application fee of \$10,000, as required by R.C. 3772.17(D) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(A), and all fees necessary to cover the costs of the background investigation in excess of the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(A), if any, as permitted by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(B);
- (C) Submission, on a form provided by the Commission, of 2 sets of fingerprints, as required by R.C. 3772.121(A)(3), if applicable;
- (D) Reimbursement of the costs for the criminal-records check, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.17(D), if applicable;

- (E) Not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, as defined by R.C. 3772.07 and required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C); and
- (F) Otherwise is suitable for licensure, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C);

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.03(D)(5) mandates that the Commission adopt rules prescribing the minimum amount of insurance that must be maintained by a gaming-related vendor;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Adm.Code 3772-7-01(A) requires a licensed gaming-related vendor to obtain and maintain the following types of insurance in minimum amounts determined by the Commission:

- (A) Liability;
- (B) Casualty;
- (C) Property;
- (D) Crime;
- (E) Worker's compensation; and
- (F) Any other type of insurance the Commission deems necessary to ensure the licensee is adequately insured;

**WHEREAS**, The United States Playing Card Company ("USPC") submitted a Vendor Application in accordance with R.C. 3772.12(A) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-02(A);

**WHEREAS**, USPC paid the nonrefundable application fee, as required by R.C. 3772.17(D) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(A);

**WHEREAS**, USPC submitted information and materials (summaries of which are attached as Exhibit A) necessary to demonstrate that it has obtained and maintains all of the requisite types of insurance and the amounts of each type, as required by R.C. 3772.03(D)(5) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-7-01(A);

**WHEREAS**, ASSaPP NV, Brepols Group NV, Carta Mundi Inc., Cartamundi NV, ESPPAS SDC, Line-Management BVBA, SDC ALMISH, Stichting Aquila, and Van Genechten NV (collectively, "Holding Companies") submitted information and documentation as holding companies of USPC;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.03(D) mandates that the Commission establish standards for provisionally licensing key employees where exigent circumstances exist;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.03(D) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(F) require a key employee seeking provisional licensure to:

- (A) Be at least 21 years of age, as required by R.C. 3772.13(D);
- (B) Submit a true and complete Key Employee License Application (“Key Application”), as required by R.C. 3772.10(C) and 3772.13(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(A);
- (C) Submit, on a form provided by the Commission, 2 sets of fingerprints and a photograph, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13(F);
- (D) Pay the nonrefundable application fee of \$2,000, as required by R.C. 3772.13(F) and 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), if any, as permitted by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(B);
- (E) Reimburse the costs for the background check, including the criminal-records check, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13(F);
- (F) Demonstrate the existence of exigent circumstances, as required by R.C. 3772.03(D) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-5-02(F); and
- (G) Not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, as defined and required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C);

**WHEREAS**, the owners, officers, directors, and key employees of USPC and the Holding Companies, who appear on the attached list marked Exhibit B, (“Key Employees”) submitted Key Applications, in accordance with R.C. 3772.13(C) and (E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(C);

**WHEREAS**, the Key Employees’ nonrefundable application fees have been paid, as required by R.C. 3772.13(F) and 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A);

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s Division of Licensing and Investigations (“Division”) reviewed the Vendor and Key Applications and other materials and information and conducted thorough suitability investigations of USPC and the Holding Companies as well as preliminary reviews of the Key Employees’ backgrounds for purposes of provisional licensure;

**WHEREAS**, the Division has filed a report, dated January 8, 2020, captioned *Investigative Report on the Application of The United States Playing Card Company for a New Gaming-Related Vendor License* (“Report”);

**WHEREAS**, the Report concludes that based upon the investigation, no material derogatory information that adversely impacts upon the suitability of USPC, the Holding Companies, or the Key Employees was uncovered and that USPC and the Key Employees are eligible for plenary and provisional licensure, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the Division recommends that the Commission grant USPC a new gaming-related vendor license as well as the Key Employees' provisional licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has reviewed the Report and considered the matter at its public meeting on January 15, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission that USPC and the Key Employees are **SUITABLE** and **ELIGIBLE** for plenary and provisional licensure, respectively.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that USPC's Vendor Application is **APPROVED** and its new gaming-related vendor license is **GRANTED** for a period not to exceed 3 years, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder and the following conditions:

- (A) USPC and the Holding Companies shall report to the Commission any changes to their management, ownership, stockholdings, or voting or proxy agreement, as applicable, in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-04;
- (B) USPC and the Holding Companies shall report to the Commission any loans, debt incurred, or any other significant financial matters, in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-04;
- (C) USPC shall pay all fees required by the Commission, including the following:
  - (1) The cost of the background investigation that exceeded the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(A), as required by R.C. 3772.17(D) and permitted by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(B), if any; and
  - (2) A nonrefundable license fee of \$15,000, as required by R.C. 3772.121(A)(2) and 3772.17(D) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-03(C); and
- (D) USPC's Compliance Committee shall notify the Commission's Executive Director no later than 30 days from the date in which the Committee appoints any members to fill vacancies, conducts any due diligence efforts, takes any action, or makes any recommendations concerning current or future business.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Key Applications are **PROVISIONALLY APPROVED** and that the Key Employees are **PROVISIONALLY LICENSED** for a period not to exceed 3 months, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder, including payment of the following fees:

- (A) The cost of any key-employee background investigation that exceeds the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), as required by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(B); and
- (B) A nonrefundable license fee of \$500 per provisional license, as required by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(C).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in accordance with R.C. 3772.03(D), each provisional license may be renewed once for a period not to exceed 3 months.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2020-04 does not in any way affect, negate, or otherwise absolve USPC, the Holding Companies, or the Key Employees from their duties to update information in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-6-04 and 3772-5-04, as applicable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2020-04 does not restrict or limit the Commission's future exercise of authority and discretion with respect to imposing additional conditions or taking further action upon USPC, the Holding Companies, or the Key Employees under R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder.

Adopted: January 15, 2020

**Exhibit A**  
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**The United States Playing Card Company**

Types of Insurance Policies

Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000
Umbrella Liability	\$4,000,000
General (Public) Liability	€10.000.000
Products Liability/Completed Operations Liability	€10.000.000
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000
Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000
Commercial Property	\$363,000,000
Crime	\$1,000,000

**Exhibit B**  
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