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NEW PAINTED HAND CASINO OPENS

“RIBBON CUTTING”

Yorkton, SK – The official opening of the new Painted Hand Casino was held this afternoon in Yorkton. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the event at the new casino located on Broadway Avenue.

“The Painted Hand Casino has created hundreds of jobs and economic independence for First Nations people,” said Tribal Chair Gilbert Panipekeesick, “Today, we are celebrating years of planning, the culmination of a vision and of course a renewal.”

Participating in the ceremony were First Nations Elders, Veterans, Kahkewistahaw Chief Louis Taypotat, FSIN Chief Lawrence Joseph, the Honorable Dan D’Autremont, Yorkton Tribal Chief Gilbert Panipekeesick, PHC Holdings Ltd. Partnership Chair Randy Sangwais, City of Yorkton Councillor Bob Maloney and SIGA President & CEO Zane Hansen.

“The opening of the new Painted Hand Casino will modernize the facility in order to serve our customers better,” says SIGA President and CEO Zane Hansen. “As a proud First Nations entertainment business operator, this project demonstrates the evolution of our business model.”

The new \$30M Painted Hand Casino features 225 machines and 7 table games, as well as food and beverage services. The 43,000 sq. ft facility will also offer an entertainment centre for shows, banquets and conferences. The casino employs approximately 275 full-time, part-time and casual employees.

“We are very appreciative of the support our Elders through this entire project,” Chair Randy Sangwais, PHC Holdings Limited Partnership. “The direction and guidance they provided has ensured the new Painted Hand Casino project was successful.”

SIGA continues to strengthen the lives of Saskatchewan and First Nations people through employment, economic growth and community relations initiatives. SIGA operates six casinos in Saskatchewan in North Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Yorkton and on the White Bear First Nation near Carlyle. 100% of profits from SIGA's gaming operations are returned to its beneficiaries. Our family of casinos offer a distinctive First Nations entertainment experience that reflects the traditional aspects of First Nations heritage and hospitality.

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