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Honorable Alex J. Lunderman
President, Rosebud Sioux
Tribal Council
Rosebud, South Dakota 57570

Dear President Lunderman:

On February 22, 1993, we received the Gaming Compact Between the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Tribe) and the State of South Dakota (State).

We have reviewed the Compact and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of the IGRA, we approve the Compact. The Compact shall take effect when notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of the IGRA, is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Notwithstanding our approval of the Compact, Section 11(d)(1) of the IGRA (25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(1)) requires that tribal gaming ordinances be approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). On July 8, 1992, the NIGC published in the FEDERAL REGISTER proposed regulations to govern approval of Class II and Class III gaming ordinances. The final regulations were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on January 22, 1993 (58 Fed. Reg. 5802), and became effective on February 22, 1993. Under the statute and regulations, even previously existing gaming ordinances must be submitted to the NIGC for approval when requested by the Chairman. The Tribe may want to contact the NIGC at (202) 632-7003 for further information to determine when and how to submit the ordinance for approval by the NIGC.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in this economic venture.

Sincerely,

/S/ Stanley M. Speaks

ACTING Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosures

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable George Mickelson
Governor of South Dakota
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

cc: Aberdeen Area Director w/copy of approved Compact
Supt., Rosebud Agency w/copy of approved Compact
Neil McDonald, SOL-IA (2)
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Compact
Minneapolis Regional Solicitor w/copy of approved Compact
South Dakota United States Attorney w/copy of approved Compact

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