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NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM TO LEAD ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LIMITED

Mr Jamie Odell, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (ASX: ALL) today announced a new executive leadership team structure, subject to regulatory approval where relevant.

The new team ensures the right people, with the optimum skills and industry experience, will be in place to oversee the development and execution of Aristocrat's business transformation strategy.

Details of the strategy will be shared with the market at the time of the company's half year results on August 25 2009.

Joining the Aristocrat executive leadership team are:

Toni Korsanos, Chief Financial Officer.* Toni joined Aristocrat in 2007 as General Manager, Group Finance and has almost 20 years' experience in financial and general management at companies including Kellogg's Australia New Zealand and Goodman Fielder Ltd. Toni brings to the executive team a detailed knowledge of the business and appropriate continuity, together with first class technical and strategic skills.

Julius Patta, Chief Technology Officer. Julius has extensive hands-on experience in software engineering, game design and development and has led a number of leading edge gaming operations and technology businesses in North America, Australia and Europe. Julius' appointment reflects the critical importance of technology to Aristocrat's future and ensures the executive team has technical skill and capability of the highest calibre. Julius will be based in the United States.

Sam Nickless, Business Transformation Director. Sam has over 15 years' experience leading complex strategic change programs, most recently at the National Australia Bank and previously with McKinsey & Company in Australia and in the United States. Sam will provide the expert program leadership and commercial skills required to drive the execution of our turnaround strategy.

Trevor Croker, Managing Director, Australia and New Zealand. Trevor's experience building high performance sales organisations, his familiarity with Aristocrat's customer base and his marketing and general management skills will be key assets in this role. Trevor will maintain a singular and consistent focus on driving performance in these markets, in particular executing an effective turnaround strategy in key Australian jurisdictions.

Patrick McGlinchey, Chief Legal Officer & Company Secretary.* Patrick has extensive international corporate, commercial and governance experience gained in both listed companies and private practice. Previously acting in the CLO role, Patrick's appointment also ensures appropriate continuity, particularly in the management of current litigation.

Nick Khin, President Aristocrat Americas, **Tony Weston**, Chief Human Resources Officer, **Paul Kitchin**, Chief Marketing Officer, and **Gillian Findlay**, Group Manager CEO Office, will continue in their current roles.

The research and development function will be renamed Design and Development and will continue to be led by **David Hughes** with the title Chief Design & Development Officer. This change reflects a new emphasis on ensuring this critical function is truly 'player led' and focused on delivering premium game content that excites players and operators.

Warren Jowett will take on responsibility for Aristocrat's businesses outside the Americas and Australia / New Zealand in the new role of Managing Director, EMEA, Asia Pacific and Japan.

Gareth Phillips, Chief Technology Officer, will continue with the company in a senior advisory capacity, supporting Julius Patta and ensuring technology and industry issues get appropriate visibility across the business.

"I am delighted to announce the new executive leadership team, and congratulate all team members on their appointment," said Mr Odell. "I am confident that we now have the right structure and the optimum blend of skills, industry experience and external perspectives to ensure we will be successful in executing our plans to lift performance to meet our potential and the expectations of our stakeholders.

"Finalising the executive team is an early but significant step in our plans to grow our business and create long-term sustainable shareholder value.

"The team I'm announcing today significantly increases our bench strength in the critical areas of technology, strategic project management and marketing. This will underpin our work to become a truly player led, technology driven business with a much sharper focus on key markets and value drivers," Mr Odell added.

As a result of these changes, **Simon Kelly**, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Director and Company Secretary will leave the business on 31 July 2009, while **Rob McLoughlin**, Executive General Manager EMEA will retire on 31 October 2009. The Company will announce interim arrangements regarding the Company Secretary role before 31 July, 2009 as **Patrick McGlinchey's** appointment is subject to regulatory approval.

"On behalf of the business I sincerely thank Simon and Rob for their 6 and 16 years of service respectively and wish them every success in their future endeavours," said Mr Odell.

He concluded, "I look forward to working with the new executive team to lead our ambitious and important change agenda at Aristocrat."

*This role is subject to regulatory approval.

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Aristocrat Leisure Limited (ASX: ALL) is a leading global provider of gaming solutions. The Company is licensed by over two hundred regulators and its products and services are available in over ninety countries around the world. Aristocrat offers a diverse range of products and services including electronic gaming machines, interactive video terminal systems, electronic tables, and casino management systems. For further information visit the Company's website at www.aristocratgaming.com.

CAREER SUMMARY - TONI KORSANOS

Chief Financial Officer, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

Sydney, Australia

General Manager, Group Finance 2007 – June 2009

Kellogg's Australia/New Zealand

Sydney, Australia

Senior Commercial Finance Manager – Business Support 2006 – 2007

Business Development and Commercial Finance Manager 2005 – 2006

Planning and Reporting Manager 2003 – 2005

Goodman Fielder Ltd

Sydney, Australia

Corporate Development Manager 2002 – 2003

Group Manager – Corporate Accounting Director 1998 – 2002

Group Financial Accountant 1997 – 1998

Coopers & Lybrand

Sydney, Australia

Senior Audit Manager 1991 – 1997

Professional Qualifications

Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ACA) 1994

Bachelor of Economics (Accounting and Finance), Macquarie University 1990

CAREER SUMMARY – JULIUS PATTA

Chief Technology Officer, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

Slovenske Loterie
Bratislava, Slovakia

1999 – June 2009

Chief Executive Officer

National video lottery (VLT) operator, managing over 400 lottery/gaming sites with VLTs, electronic roulette games and slot machines. 51% was sold to Intralot SA in March 2008.

Tornado Systems
Bratislava, Slovakia

2003 – June 2009

Chief Executive Officer, Founder

Gaming technology developer, products include Tornado™ Intel/Microsoft downloadable gaming platform, the SlotEngine® (USA) architecture and Multigame Management System™. Software assets sold to SL and Intralot in 2008.

PlayStar Corporation
Delaware, USA

1996 - 1998

President & CEO, Founder

E-commerce, internet gaming developer and operator. Pioneered web-based financial micro-transaction processing. Implemented world's first full internet casino systems.

Dreamplay Research Corporation
Toronto, Canada

1996 - 1999

President & Founder

Netron Inc.

VP, International Sales, UK

1996

VP, Research & Development

1994 – 1995

VP, Consulting Services and Chief Architect

1992 - 1994

CASE Consulting Services
Sydney, Australia and Toronto, Canada

1989 - 1992

Principal Consultant & Founder

Professional Qualifications

Diploma in Financial Strategy, Said School of Business, Oxford University, 2009

Negotiation for the Long Term Executive Education, Harvard Business School, 2000

Certificate of Management Studies, Said School of Business and Templeton College, Oxford University 1999

Advanced Management Program, Templeton College, Oxford University 1999

CAREER SUMMARY – SAM NICKLESS

Business Transformation Director, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

National Australia Bank Ltd

Melbourne, Australia

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| General Manager, Cards & Personal Loans | 2007 – June 2009 |
| Chairman, Loyalty Pacific Pty Ltd (FlyBuys JV) | 2007 – June 2009 |
| General Manager, Strategy & Business Development (Australian region) | 2006 - 2007 |
| General Manager, Cultural Transformation | 2005 – 2006 |

McKinsey & Company

Sydney, Washington DC and Melbourne offices

1996 - 2006

Elected partner 2001

Worked with clients across a broad range of industries including financial services, telecommunications, consumer goods, retail, agribusiness and airlines. Played a key role in the development of McKinsey's leadership and culture practice.

Professional Qualifications

Bachelor of Civil Law (First Class Honours), Oxford University, 1995 (Rhodes Scholar)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Adelaide, 1992

Bachelor of Economics, University of Adelaide, 1990

CAREER SUMMARY – TREVOR CROKER

Managing Director, Australia & New Zealand, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

Carlton & United Breweries

Melbourne, Australia

Sales Director Feb – June 2009

Foster's Australia

Melbourne, Australia

Sales Director 2007 – 2009

Sales Director (National Accounts) 2006 – 2007

Director, Customer Marketing 2005 – 2006

Beringer Blass Wine Estates

Melbourne, Australia

Marketing Director, Asia Pacific 2004 – 2005

Sales Director, Asia Pacific 2002 – 2004

National Sales Director (Australia) 1999 - 2002

Carlton & United Breweries

NSW State Manager (North) 1997 – 1999

Queensland Regional Business Manager 1995 – 1997

Business Development Manager 1994 – 1995

Professional Qualifications

Graduate Diploma in Management, University of New South Wales 2004

Associate Diploma Sports Administration, Griffith University 1987

CAREER SUMMARY – PATRICK MCGLINCHEY

Chief Legal Officer & Company Secretary, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd

Aristocrat Leisure Ltd Feb – June 2009
Sydney, Australia

Interim General Counsel

InterContinental Hotels Group Asia Pacific 2007 - 2009
Singapore

Director, Capital Investment & Acquisitions Asia Pacific

Gilbert + Tobin 2005 - 2006
Sydney, Australia

Consultant, Corporate Transactions Group

Cable and Wireless plc
London, UK

Legal Director and Associate General Counsel - Special Projects 2004 – 2005

Legal Director and Associate General Counsel – Head of
Corporate, Securities and Governance practice 2002 – 2004

Senior Legal Adviser - M&A, Transactions Team 2000 - 2002

Linklaters 1999 - 2000
London, UK

Managing / Senior Associate, Corporate

Gilbert + Tobin 1997 - 1998
Sydney, Australia

Senior Corporate Lawyer

Blake Dawson 1993 - 1997
Sydney, Australia

Corporate Lawyer

Professional Qualifications

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, 2000

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 1993

Diploma of Legal Practice, College of Law, Sydney, 1993

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Sydney, 1992

Bachelor of Economics (Soc Sc), University of Sydney, 1989