



BILOXI

**Record hitting \$14.3 million Wheel of Fortune®
slot jackpot hit at Hard Rock Casino Biloxi**

BILOXI, Miss., (February 10, 2009) – Tommy McMillan, a 67-year-old local man from Biloxi told his wife Tuesday that he “just had a feeling” when he woke up and wanted to play his favorite slot machine at his favorite gaming destination – the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Biloxi. That lucky feeling paid off when McMillan hit a \$14,387,950 statewide progressive \$1 Wheel of Fortune® MegaJackpot® – The largest jackpot to hit the state of Mississippi.

“I screamed and jumped out of my chair – completely scaring the slot attendant standing next to me,” McMillan said after the jackpot was verified by IGT Technicians and Mississippi State Gaming officials. “I was so excited and immediately started calling all of my close friends and family to share the great news with them!”

A regular since the Hard Rock’s opening in July of 2007, delayed by Hurricane Katrina’s devastation just before its scheduled opening in late 2005, McMillan had stopped by to play the previous day but had to change his plans, so he promised himself he would come back Tuesday.

“I like coming here to play about three-times a week,” McMillan said. “My wife always comes, too, and she gives me exactly an hour. She had just come over to tell me that my time was up, but then she decided to give me an extra 15 minutes. Those 15 minutes have changed our lives forever.”

McMillan said that his wife is a good luck charm for him even though she never wins herself. “I’ll probably bring her back tomorrow,” McMillan said jokingly. “Just for fun!”

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Biloxi’s President and General Manager Duncan McKenzie was on hand for all of the excitement. “This is overdue to hit, and we are very excited for Mr. McMillan. Hard Rock Biloxi is truly a place for Winners and Mr. McMillan proves that today.” said McKenzie.

The first thing McMillan plans to do with his winnings is send his wife and her friends on a cruise. Then he’ll ponder how to use the remainder of his world record winnings.

This is the largest MegaJackpot® to ever be won in the state of Mississippi, and is the first MegaJackpot® grand prize of the year in Mississippi.

This particular jackpot has set the world record for all denominations of Wheel of Fortune® slot machines and is now the largest slot jackpot of any kind ever awarded outside of the state of Mississippi. The previous highest Wheel of Fortune® dollar MegaJackpot® was \$12.3 million in 2006. The previous largest jackpot awarded in the state was \$13.7 million, which hit in 2003 on a Jeopardy!® slot machine at the Isle of Capri in Biloxi. Both Wheel of Fortune® and Jeopardy!® are manufactured by IGT.

IGT developed the concept of statewide progressive jackpots in the 1980s and installed the very first system with Nevada Megabucks in 1986. Today the company operates 12 MegaJackpots® systems in Mississippi, with separate systems in Native American casinos.

All IGT MegaJackpots® are paid in annual installments upon verification by IGT technicians and Mississippi Gaming Officials, except Instant Winners™ MegaJackpots® and Rapid Riches MegaJackpots®, which are paid in their entirety upon verification.

The Wheel of Fortune® progressive slot machine is based on the popular television game show, “Wheel of Fortune®.” The primary jackpot is paid when a player plays the maximum bet (\$3 on the \$1 game) and lines up all three winning symbols on the appropriate pay line.

IGT (www.IGT.com) is a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized gaming machines and systems products.

About Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi is owned and operated by Premier Entertainment Biloxi LLC. The property features a Hard Rock Casino with 1200 slot machines, 50 table games and a poker room. The Rock Spa, an Aveda Concept Spa, offers services such as facials, massages, body wraps, and nails and Merge hair salon. Additional conveniences include fitness center, 12-story hotel with 318 rooms and suites, unique beach pool with underwater music features, Rise, the lounge located on the 12th floor of the hotel, five restaurants including Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Satisfaction Buffet, 24/7 Grille, Vibe Great Steaks & Seafood, and the Hard Rock Café. Hard Rock Live® accommodating over 1600 guests has already featured outstanding performers, concerts and events including our own 3 Doors Down, Kid Rock, Stevie Knicks, 38 Special, The Doobie Brothers, Styx, REO Speedwagon and many more. Retail shops include the Rock Shop, Taunt, Ben & Jerry’s, and Starbucks. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is located at 777 Beach Boulevard – the luckiest address in town!