

GRAND OPENING OF NEW \$11.5 MILLION STANDARDBRED PADDOCK

TORONTO, ONTARIO – Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) is proud to announce the opening of its new Standardbred Paddock and Retention Barn at Woodbine Racetrack with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

This 62,000 sq. ft state-of-the-art facility has the look and feel of a cupola'ed Kentucky barn. It incorporates 120 stalls, offices for industry regulators and other racing officials, a new broadcast studio and tack shop. A beautiful second-floor lounge and restaurant offering a panoramic view of the track is a new amenity provided for the horsemen.

The separate 32-stall retention barn adjacent to the new paddock facility will serve both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds and function as a quarantine barn, when necessary.

Bruce Murray, Vice-President of Standardbred Racing, stated “During the business phase of the paddock, we investigated the best practice features at other racetrack paddocks and incorporated them into this facility to make it state-of-the-art.”

The new facilities have been built with “green” in mind. With improved insulation and “smart” metres installed throughout to monitor electricity consumption, the building will offer unparalleled comfort for horsemen and horses in both winter and summer.

“Gray” water from the wash stalls and parking lot will be diverted to the infield lagoons and used for watering and conditioning the racetracks.

Recycled products have been employed wherever possible, including fans, lights and heaters from the old paddock building. Both facilities are wheelchair accessible.

In recognition of its proven track record of keeping environmental sustainability as a key business strategy, WEG was honored as a recipient of the JohnsonDiversey's Sustainable Facility Care Award at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

WEG is the largest operator of horse racing in Canada and is recognized as one of the most innovative in North America.

WEG owns and operates Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, ON; Mohawk Racetrack in Campbellville, ON; 27 off-track wagering operations through its Champions Teletheatre Network; Turf Lounge in downtown Toronto, ON; WEGZ Stadium Bar in Vaughan, ON; HorsePlayer interactive(“HPI”), an extensive telephone, internet and wireless account wagering system; and HPItv, a 24 hour horse racing television network.

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