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### **FireKeepers Casino Reaches Another Construction Milestone *Ceremony Held to Mark the Beginning of Parking Garage Construction***

**Battle Creek, MI** – The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi is pleased to announce that FireKeepers Casino, located near Battle Creek, Michigan, has reached another construction milestone. Six months after construction on FireKeepers Casino began, crews will start erection of the parking garage. With today's milestone, our confidence grows that the FireKeepers Casino project schedule remains on target for a summer 2009 opening.

FireKeepers Casino, located at Exit 104 off I-94, will feature Las Vegas-style gaming, including 2,500 slot machines, 90 table games and a 20-table poker room. FireKeepers will also provide five dining options, including a 70-seat fine dining signature restaurant, a 300-seat buffet, a 150-seat 24-hour coffee shop, a 110-seat fast food court and a Grab-N-Go coffee counter.

The \$300 million casino will be 236,000 square feet with an attached and enclosed 653,700 square foot parking garage. Earlier, crews completed the concrete foundation for the 2,078-space garage. The beginning phase of constructing the parking garage involves construction team members erecting the first of 1,463 precast pieces for the garage.

“The Tribe would like to thank the construction and design team members for their hard work and contribution to reach this major construction milestone of FireKeepers Casino,” said Laura W. Spurr, Chair of the FireKeepers Development Authority. “We’re extremely pleased with this achievement led by Clark Construction Company of Lansing, Michigan, and are excited to enter another phase of the construction process.”

FireKeepers Casino is expected to employ 2,200 employees — 700 construction workers and 1,500 permanent casino employees. The project will employ up to 300 people at a time throughout the construction process for a total of 300,000 man-hours and a projected \$8 million payroll.

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“We’ve made a concerted effort to keep the money invested in the FireKeepers Casino project in the hands of those in the community and surrounding areas,” said Duane Wixson, senior project manager for Clark Construction Company. “The majority of our workforce consists of people who live within 60 miles of the project. We continue to meet our goal for 20% of the workforce on this project to have a Native American heritage. “

In late September 2008, the final piece of structural iron was installed on top of FireKeepers Casino. Earlier this month, the Tribe announced the project had reached another construction milestone with the enclosure of the building structure of FireKeepers Casino prior to the onset of winter weather.

“We’re confident FireKeepers Casino will remain on schedule for an opening in summer of 2009,” said FireKeepers general manager R. Bruce McKee. “We look forward to FireKeepers providing a new and exciting entertainment attraction to the region.”

Besides the work on the parking garage, progress is being made on items that will benefit FireKeepers Casino and the surrounding community. The water and sewer lines along with road improvements are substantially completed. The water tower, used for fire suppression and fire fighting, is 30% complete.

FireKeepers Casino is owned and operated by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and managed by Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), L.L.C. (GEM) a joint venture between Full House Resorts, Inc. which develops, manages, and invests in gaming-related opportunities, and RAM Entertainment, L.L.C. a privately owned investment company.

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