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### **Missouri Gaming Commission Takes Interest in Caruthersville**

Jefferson City, Wednesday October 25, 2006- After determining a new owner may not be licensed before a November 19<sup>th</sup> deadline, the Missouri Gaming Commission is taking steps to ensure the Casino Aztar in Caruthersville will continue to operate without a lapse.

Executive Director Gene McNary says "Casino Aztar employs 283 people in Southeast Missouri, and contributes over 6 million dollars a year in fees and taxes. The ripple effect of a shut down would have a powerful impact on Caruthersville, surrounding Pemiscot County, and the state." McNary adds "all levels of government are taking an interest into this matter. The Governor's office is also concerned about saving local jobs, and economic stability."

Aztar Riverboat Holding Company LLC owns and operates Casino Aztar.

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