

Press Release

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POKERTEK SECURES SEVEN CERTIFIED AUSTRALIAN INNOVATION PATENTS

Matthews, NC – October 22, 2008: PokerTek, the industry pioneer and worldwide leader in automated poker tables and related software, announced today they have received seven certified Australian innovation patents. This announcement represents a key milestone for PokerTek as the company's innovative gaming products continue to gain market acceptance worldwide.

The patents cover a wide variety of table and gameplay features including use of a center console, methods for obscuring playing cards, electronic card tournaments and various game administrator tools and were awarded to PokerTek in late summer 2008.

"These patents reinforce PokerTek's position as a leading innovator," said Chris Halligan, PokerTek CEO. "We were first to market with automated poker and have a leadership position today, thanks in part to our fully featured, highly innovative products."

PokerTek has over 237 PokerPro tables installed around the world, in prestigious locations such as Atlantic City's Trump Plaza, Las Vegas' Excalibur Hotel and Casino, Chicagoland's Horseshoe Hammond and Melbourne's Crown Casino, as well as on over 60 cruise ships worldwide, including 100% of Carnival's fleet of Funships.

About PokerTek:

PokerTek, Inc. (NASDAQ: PTEK), headquartered in Matthews, NC, develops and markets products for the casino and amusement industries. PokerTek developed PokerPro automated poker tables and related software applications to increase casino revenue, reduce expenses and attract new players into poker rooms by offering interactive poker that is fast, fun and mistake-free. Heads-Up Challenge is a two-player table that allows bars and restaurant patrons to compete head-to-head in various games for amusement purposes, increases earnings for game operators and provides patrons unique and challenging on-site entertainment. Both products are installed worldwide. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.PokerTek.com or contact Laura Petty at 704.849.0860 x106.

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and other customers and the expected acceptance of the PokerPro systems by players. Our actual results may differ materially from those implied in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including, but not limited to, overall industry environment, customer acceptance of our products, delay in the introduction of new products, further approvals of regulatory authorities, adverse court rulings, production and/or quality control problems, the denial, suspension or revocation of permits or licenses by regulatory or governmental authorities, termination or non-renewal of customer contracts, competitive pressures and general economic conditions, and our financial condition. These and other risks and uncertainties are described in more detail in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We undertake no obligation to update or revise such statements to reflect new circumstances or unanticipated events as they occur, except as required by applicable laws, and you are urged to review and consider disclosures that we make in the reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that discuss other factors germane to our business.