

# Press Release

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## **POKERTEK SETS SAIL ON NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE**

**Matthews, NC – December 22, 2008:** PokerTek, Inc., (NASDAQ: PTEK), the industry pioneer and worldwide leader in automated poker tables and related software, is pleased to announce the installation of PokerPro® onboard Norwegian Cruise Line's award-winning Norwegian Pearl. PokerPro recently began conducting a 90-day field trial in hopes of adding additional tables to NCL's fleet of 11 cruise ships.

"We are eager to see how successful PokerPro is on one of our newest ships, Norwegian Pearl," said Jim Abbas, Vice President of Casino Operations for Norwegian Cruise Line. "The ship offers tremendous choices already, from bowling to rock climbing, and automated poker is one more exciting entertainment option. PokerPro was recently installed within our casino, which offers an array of traditional table games, along with a wide variety of slots not offered by any of our competitors."

"Our previous installations on cruise ships have proven to be profitable for our customers and well-received by their vacationers onboard. We're hopeful that Norwegian Cruise Line will see the same results," commented PokerTek's Vice President of Sales Robert Perry. "PokerPro allows cruise ships to offer an extra amenity to their guests in a cost-effective manner."

### **About PokerTek, Inc.:**

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](http://www.PokerTek.com), or contact Laura Petty at 704.849.0860 x106.

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