

Press Release

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POKERTEK AND LIGHTNING GAMING SETTLE LEGAL ENGAGEMENTS

Matthews, NC – October 16, 2008: PokerTek Inc. and Lightning Gaming reached a mutually agreeable settlement of their legal engagements today. Although the terms of the settlement are confidential, the parties have dropped all present lawsuits between them, including Lightning's lawsuit alleging patent infringement filed this summer in Federal District Court in New Jersey. There is no material financial impact to PokerTek as a result of this development.

"We're pleased to put these matters behind us," said Chris Halligan, CEO of PokerTek. "We're focused on building a great business at PokerTek."

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 bar and restaurant patrons to compete head-to-head in various games for amusement purposes. Heads-Up Challenge 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.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are made in accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements herein include, but are not limited to, the expected adoption of the PokerPro systems by casinos 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.