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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This framework shall govern the guidelines and procedures for the processing of application for the establishment of a gaming venue and subsequent issuance of a Gaming License. This shall also cover all license-related applications such as renewal, license amendment due to transfer or relocation of gaming venue or due to change in operator. This framework likewise covers the procedures and guidelines for the revocation and the pre-termination of Gaming License.

This Regulatory Framework shall form part of the Gaming License issued by PAGCOR to a qualified Operator for the establishment and operation of a gaming venue for each game offering duly regulated and sanctioned by PAGCOR, i.e., traditional bingo games, electronic bingo (eBingo) games, electronic (eCasino) Games, sports betting, specialty games or any suite of games that may be allowed by PAGCOR in the future.

The provisions of this Regulatory Framework shall apply prospectively.

By virtue of the foregoing, the following are laid down as the Regulatory Framework for the establishment of a gaming venue and issuance of a Gaming License.

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I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Aisle** is a corridor, passage or other pedestrian thorough fare within the gaming venue premises.
2. **Ancillary area** means any of the following areas within the gaming venue premises:
 - (a) aisles;
 - (b) back-of-house facilities;
 - (c) any reception or information counter;
 - (d) any area designated for the serving or consumption of food and beverages;
 - (e) any area designated for aesthetic or decorative displays;
 - (f) staircases, staircase landings and escalators;
 - (g) toilets; and,
 - (h) such other area not intended to be used for the conduct or playing of games as PAGCOR may allow on the application of the Operator.
3. **Approved games** are games approved by PAGCOR for play in a gaming venue or via a remote gaming platform.
4. **Betting station or kiosk** refers to a duly authorized electronic terminal that has access to electronic gaming systems for purposes of registering or processing of membership applications and the acceptance of bets from the registered players.
5. **Brand** refers to the gaming service and/or suite of games offered by an accredited Service Provider duly recognized and approved by PAGCOR for the corresponding game offering under which the former was accredited.
6. **Cage** means an area within any gaming venue premises at which cash are deposited, and financial transactions and the paperwork necessary to support the playing of games in the gaming venue are carried out. It is also called a cashier's booth.
7. **"CMED"** This department particularly refers to Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Department (CMED-IG) in-charge of the monitoring the compliance of gaming venues with the requirements prescribed in this framework.
8. **Commercial Building** is a building where spaces or units to be offered for lease or sale to tenants providing commercial services such as retail, distribution, services, banking, food, etc.

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9. **Contract** includes any kind of agreement or arrangement.

10. **EGLD** refers to the E-Games Licensing Department of PAGCOR.

11. **Fees** are amounts payable to PAGCOR pursuant to the Gaming License and the latest *Regulatory Framework for Fees and Rates on Gaming Site Operations*. Fees paid to PAGCOR are non-refundable.

The Applicant or the Operator shall submit a duly accomplished Payment Processing Request Form (EG Form No. 2) and a PAGCOR-issued Official Receipt when transmitting payments for the applicable fees.

12. **Gaming area** means any area within the gaming venue premises other than an ancillary area.

13. **Gaming License or GL or License** means the instrument issued by PAGCOR to the qualified Operator for the establishment and operation of a gaming venue hosting various game offerings and access to accredited remote gaming platform for online gaming.

14. **Gaming Lounge** refers to a gaming venue established to be a place of leisure and entertainment where televised games or sporting events are shown regularly. This gaming venue shall include Sports Bars.

15. **Game Offering** refers to the conduct of any gaming operations regulated and sanctioned by PAGCOR, i.e., traditional bingo, electronic bingo (eBingo), electronic (eCasino) games, sports betting, specialty games, or any suite of games that may be allowed by PAGCOR in the future.

Gaming Licenses for the game offerings shall be issued independently and separately. In other words, a separate license shall be issued to the gaming venue operator for each game offering.

16. **Gaming paraphernalia** means apparatus, furnishings or accessories used in or necessary in the conduct of gaming operations.

17. **Gaming venue** means a duly authorized establishment or facility that offers to the public the appropriate access to the PAGCOR-approved game offerings, i.e., traditional bingo games, electronic bingo (eBingo) games, electronic (eCasino) games, sports betting, specialty games or any suite of games that may be allowed by PAGCOR in the future.

18. **Gaming venue premises** means the gaming venue to be operated by the Operator under the License where all gaming activities shall take place.

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Gaming venue premises shall be made up of gaming areas and ancillary areas.

19. "GLDD" refers to Gaming Licensing and Development Department in-charge of the enrollment of Suppliers and monitoring of compliance of PAGCOR-regulated casinos with the Responsible Gaming Code of Practice (RGCP).

20. *Hotel* is an establishment, building or complex providing accommodations, meals, leisure, rest and recreation services for travelers and tourists duly accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

21. *Mall* is a large building or series of connected buildings containing a variety of retail stores, restaurants and/or shops offering sales, leisure, and entertainment services to customers, operating as a controlled or secured business/commercial establishment. The mall may be a complex where its premises include non-connected annex/es.

22. *Operator* is the entity duly licensed by PAGCOR to conduct gaming its licensed gaming venue using the gaming technology as provided by a particular Service Provider or Supplier.

By default, an Operator may offer and operate multiple game offerings along with multiple brands simultaneously in its gaming venue and any exclusivity contract between an Operator and a Service Provider shall not be recognized and shall not bind PAGCOR whatsoever.

23. *PAGCOR* means the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation or its successor entity, whereby "successor entity" means any successor or assignee to or replacement of PAGCOR in its capacity as a Person entitled to regulate and license all gaming establishments in the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines.

24. *PAGCOR-operated, or regulated casino* refer to the gaming venue operated by a corporation duly licensed by PAGCOR to establish and conduct gaming operations within a land-based casino, which include PAGCOR casino operations.

25. *PAGCOR Verification Team or PVT* refers to a group comprised of PAGCOR representatives from CMED whose main task is to check the gaming venue's compliance with the site location distance and area requirements, and the pre-operational requirements before the gaming venue is allowed to commence commercial operations.

26. *Performance Cash Deposit or PCD* refers to the monetary requirement /

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deposit paid by the Operator in advance as PAGCOR's measure of security against the Operator's non-compliance with its financial obligations relative to gaming venue operation and penalties which may be imposed by PAGCOR. The amount of PCD to be posted for each game offering must be in accordance with the latest version of the *Regulatory Framework for Fees and Rates on Gaming Site Operations*.

27. Person includes the State and its political subdivisions, other public entities, corporations, partnerships, associations, other juridical entities, individuals, or groups of individuals.

28. Places of Worship shall refer to stand-alone places of worship or churches.

29. Player means any person who:

- (a) is registered in the membership system of the Operator;
- (b) is assigned a player or terminal account with an Operator; and
- (c) is involved in a cash transaction with an Operator within its gaming venue premises, whether or not that person participates in gaming at the gaming venue.

30. Remote Gaming refers to conduct of electronic gaming at PAGCOR-licensed gaming venues outside the gaming area of a land-based casino. This includes offering of online gaming/wagering via remote gaming platform for the registered players of a specific gaming venue.

31. Resident means a citizen of the Philippines or a permanent resident of the Philippines.

32. Resort is a place to which people frequently or generally go for relaxation or pleasure, especially one providing rest and recreation facilities for vacationers duly accredited by the DOT.

33. Schools are educational institutions duly registered with the Department of Education (DepEd) or with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) excluding institutions offering services only for post-graduate courses, review centers, research, and special training facilities.

34. SEC refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

35. Service Provider is the entity accredited by PAGCOR to provide the necessary gaming service along with its suite of games to PAGCOR-licensed gaming venues, per specific game offering, i.e., Electronic Gaming System Service Provider. This may also refer to Data/Content Streaming Provider for purposes of this Framework.

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36. Supplier refers to the entity enrolled with GLDD from which the Operators can procure the necessary gaming equipment and paraphernalia for its gaming venue.

37. Surveillance means the capability to observe and record activities being conducted in a gaming venue whereas the *Surveillance System* refers to a system of video cameras, monitors, recorders, switches, selectors, and other ancillary equipment used for gaming venue surveillance.

II. OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1. Who may apply as an Operator?

- (a) Only corporations duly registered with the SEC may apply as Operator of a gaming venue, referred herein as the Applicant.
- (b) The following corporations may apply as Operator:
 1. New Applicant - a corporation which intends to apply as Operator of a gaming venue for the first time.
 2. An existing Operator - a corporation which is already duly licensed by PAGCOR to operate a licensed gaming venue.

A corporation with foreign nationals as shareholders shall comply with the latest Regular Foreign Negative List B of the Foreign Investments Acts of 1991 B69 (R.A. No. 7042, as amended by R.A. No. 8179).

- (c) The Applicant must pass the requirements for Operator's suitability and must comply with the submission of documentary requirements.

Section 2. Applicant Documentary Requirements

- (a) The Applicant shall submit the following documentary requirements relative to its application for a License. This shall likewise apply to Applicants for Change in Operator of a gaming venue.

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS		FIRST TIME APPLICANT	EXISTING OPERATOR
A	Company profile	✓	----
B	SEC Registration	✓	----

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C	Latest General Information Sheet (GIS) duly filed with the SEC, as applicable. If a stockholder is also a corporation, a copy of the latest GIS of said corporation should likewise be submitted.	✓	✓
D	Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws duly filed with the SEC: - Articles of Incorporation must show that gaming is one of its primary or secondary purpose of business; - Foreign ownership, if any, must comply with the Regular Foreign Negative List B of the Foreign Investment Acts of 1991 B69 (R.A. No. 7042, as amended by R.A. No. 8179); - Authorized Capital Stock of at least FIVE MILLION PESOS (PhP 5,000,000.00), with paid-up capital of at least THREE MILLION PESOS (PhP3,000,000.00).	✓	----
E	Copy of ITR of the company filed with the BIR for the previous year or Certificate of Registration with the BIR, whichever is applicable	✓	✓
F	Notarized written disclosure of the description of any of the following events that occurred during the past five (5) years up to the latest date that are material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of any director and officer of the Applicant: - Any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a director or shareholder either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time; - Any conviction by final judgment, including the nature of the offense, in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses; - Being subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending, or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business of gaming activities; and - Being found by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), PAGCOR, or a domestic regulatory organization to have violated gaming law or regulation, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.	✓	✓
G	Notarized written disclosure of relatives in PAGCOR or other government agencies up to the 4 th civil degree of consanguinity or affinity	✓	✓

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DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS		FIRST TIME APPLICANT	EXISTING OPERATOR
H	Notarized sworn undertaking that Applicant will abide by existing labor laws, including regularizing all contractual employees working for more than six (6) months and the payment of minimum wages and the benefits mandated under labor laws	✓	✓
I	Duly accomplished and notarized Personal Disclosure Statement (PDS) with the following attachments: 1. For Filipino Citizens and Foreign Residents: Copy of ITR (duly filed with the BIR) for the previous year 2. For Non-Resident Foreigners: Copy of valid passport 3. The Operator or member of the Board of Directors who did not file the ITR in accordance with the provisions of NIRC of 1997 and its amendments Title II Chapter IX, Sec. 51.A.2 (Individuals not required to file an ITR) shall file in its records a fully accomplished and notarized Certificate of Non-filing of Annual Income Tax Return (EG Form No. 33) together with other documents to support its claim in its filing of the PDS.	✓	----

- (b) If a stockholder of the Applicant-Corporation is also a corporation and not “doing business” in the Philippines, equivalent SEC documents as prescribed in items B through D above should likewise be submitted.
- (c) All directors and officers of the Applicant-Corporation shall submit the notarized documents as prescribed in items F through I above.
- (d) Any misrepresentation or false information in the submitted documentary requirements will result in the outright denial of the application. In case the License has been granted and the misrepresentation or false information is discovered, the License shall be revoked outright. Further, the Applicant/ Operator found to be at fault with such misrepresentation or false information in the submitted document/s shall be blacklisted from filing with the EGLD any application.

III. SITE LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

The Gaming Venue must satisfy site location requirements prescribed herein:

Section 1. Site Location Distance Requirements

The gaming venue must comply with the following distance requirements:

- (a) Not less than two hundred (200) meters from schools and places of worship.

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- (b) Gaming venues must have at least three hundred (300) meters distance apart from each other. This distance restrictions shall not apply to measurement from the proposed location to gaming venues located inside malls, DOT-accredited hotels or resorts, PAGCOR-operated or regulated casinos, cockpit arenas and horse-racing tracks.
- (c) The site location distances as required under this Section may be certified by a licensed geodetic engineer, subject to exceptions provided under Section 2(d) below where the certification from the licensed geodetic engineer shall not be required.
- (d) The distance restrictions shall not apply, if the proposed gaming venue is:
 - 1. Located within mall, or DOT-accredited hotel or resort;
 - 2. Located in a mixed-use commercial and residential building duly classified as mall.
 - 3. Located within PAGCOR-operated or regulated casinos.
 - 4. Located within Cockpit Arenas.
 - 5. Located within Horse Racing Tracks.

Section 2. Site Location Area Requirements

- (a) Gaming venues may be located within the following areas or establishments wherein the gaming venue must be located within the premises of the building, annex or complex:
 - 1. Malls
 - 2. PAGCOR-Operated or Regulated Casinos
 - 3. Cockpit Arenas
 - 4. Horse Racing Tracks
 - 5. Hotels or Resorts
 - i. Gaming venues can only be located inside the building or within the same complex/premises of hotels and resorts accredited by the DOT.

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- ii. Proposed gaming venue must be located inside the building or within the same complex or premises as the hotel or resort and in an identified commercial space of the hotel or resort (as opposed to guest rooms).

6. Commercial Building

- (b) A gaming venue can be co-located with another gaming venue in one area or establishment, as follows:
 1. Two (2) gaming venues can be co-located within a Mall. For large malls measuring at least 400,000sqm, three (3) co-located gaming venues may be allowed.
 2. Three (3) gaming venues can be co-located within a PAGCOR-operated or Regulated Casino.
 3. Multi-game offering gaming venues, meaning One Operator is a holder of two or more Gaming Licenses offering different games and *Brands*, are allowed;
 4. For purposes of determining the number of gaming venues within an area/establishment, One Operator (i.e., issued one or more Gaming License offering multiple brands) shall be counted as one gaming venue.
- (c) A Gaming venue shall be allowed to be located within a mixed-use commercial and residential building duly classified as mall, subject to the following additional conditions:
 1. The proposed gaming venue must have a separate entrance from the residential section of building.
 2. The proposed gaming venue with the same entrance as the residential section of the building shall not be allowed.
 3. The proposed site must be located in the commercial area of the building.
- (d) The proposed gaming venue may be located as a lounge-type establishment in the commercial building where betting stations or kiosks are located in an enclosed area within the venue.

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Section 3. Measurement of Distance

- (a) Distance from proposed gaming venue to schools, places of worship, and another gaming venue will be measured using the nearest access roads.
- (b) In measuring distance from the proposed gaming venue to schools, places of worship, and another gaming venue, the exact location of the schools, places of worship, and another gaming venue will be used as reference point.
- (c) Gaming venues located in a malls, DOT-accredited hotels and resorts, PAGCOR-operated or regulated casinos, cockpit arenas and horse racing tracks shall not be subject to the distance restrictions between gaming venues and vice versa.
- (d) In measuring distance, the Applicant may use either Google Maps or WikiMapia.

Section 4. Additional Guidelines on Site Location

No contractual agreement for the proposed gaming venue shall be executed and renovation shall not commence without PAGCOR's written approval of the establishment of the gaming venue. PAGCOR will not be held liable for any damages and rental/construction expenses that the Applicant may incur relative thereto.

IV. THE APPLICATION

The **Application** is comprised of the procedures and guidelines for establishment and operation of a gaming venue. Receipt and processing of applications are carried out by the EGLD.

Section 1. Application for Gaming License

Application Form for the Establishment of Gaming Venue (EG Form No. 1) involves evaluation of site location.

- (a) The Applicant is required to provide information and fully accomplish the **EG Form No. 1** and attach the following documents:
 1. Location map of the proposed gaming venue, showing distance from each of the following:

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- schools;
- places of worship; and,
- PAGCOR-EGLD licensed gaming venues

2. Copy of lease offer issued to the Applicant signifying the lessor's willingness to enter into a lease agreement for the intended space for proposed gaming venue, in case the Applicant is a Lessee; or copy of the Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) or Declaration of Real Property (Tax Declaration), whichever is applicable, of the property where the proposed site will be located, in case the Applicant is the owner of said property.
 3. Board Resolution or Secretary's Certificate on designation of authorized representative to submit the application and transact with PAGCOR on behalf of the Applicant-corporation.
 4. Sworn Undertaking indicating that the Applicant has conducted due diligence and surveyed the area where the proposed gaming venue will be located and is confirming that the proposed location is compliant with distance requirements from schools, places of worship, and from another gaming venue.
 5. Certification from a duly licensed geodetic engineer confirming that the proposed gaming venue location classified as commercial building or gaming lounge is compliant with the site location distance requirements, may be required.
 6. For proposed gaming venue located within a hotel or resort, a copy of the applicable Certificate of Accreditation issued by Department of Tourism (DOT).
 7. For PAGCOR-operated casinos only, the Applicant shall attach a favorable endorsement from the branch management signifying its concurrence to the operation of a gaming venue within the casino, in lieu of the above-listed documents required for attachment.
- (b) Processing of application shall be subject to availability of slot for permitted co-located gaming venues, including the current application for change in location.
 - (c) Evaluation of application shall only commence upon the Applicant's submission of complete requirements.
 - (d) If the duly accomplished and submitted EG Form No. 1 and the attached documentary requirements are found to be in order, the EGLD shall

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advise the Applicant to proceed with the partial / initial payment of Application Fee amounting to Php50,000.00, within seven (7) business days upon receipt of notice.

- (e) In order to verify if the proposed gaming venue is acceptable in terms of the site location distance and area requirements, an ocular site inspection shall be conducted by the PAGCOR Verification Team (PVT).
- (f) Upon compliance with the initial payment of Application Fee and submission of complete documentary requirements, the Applicant will be advised through its official email address that PVT will proceed with the conduct of the scheduled inspection.
- (g) If the proposed gaming venue is inspected and found to be acceptable in terms of the site location distance and area requirements, the Applicant shall be advised to comply with the following requirements within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice:
 1. Applicant's documentary requirements as prescribed in Article II Section 2 of this Framework;
 2. Valid Business Permit under the Applicant's name;
 3. Proposed gaming venue layout plan and site set-up concept renderings; and,
 4. Payment of the Application fee, net of the initial amount paid.
- (h) Failure to comply with the above documentary requirements within the thirty (30) days grace period by any of the qualified Applicants shall mean opening for an application slot, except when the Applicant has duly filed with EGLD an extension of its application by submitting a duly accomplished **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)**.

The Applicant with an ongoing application may request for an extension of its application by submitting to the EGLD a duly accomplished EG Form No. 4 before the expiration date of 30-day grace period or previously filed extension, with a corresponding payment of Extension Fee, subject to the following guidelines:

1. The reckoning period for extension shall be from the expiration date of the 30-day grace period until the date of compliance with the pre-approval requirements. Any additional extension will mean additional Extension Fee; and
2. Non-compliance with the guidelines for extension periods will mean automatic return of Application and its submitted requirements.

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- (i) In addition to the Applicant's documentary requirements as prescribed in Article II Section 2 of this Framework, pertinent documents may be required for submission as deemed necessary.
- (j) Acceptability of the proposed gaming venue, submission of complete documentary requirements and payment of application fee do not guarantee the approval of the application. The grant of the Gaming License of a proposed gaming venue is subject to the approval of PAGCOR's Board of Directors.
- (k) Application previously returned due to reasons stated below but was resubmitted, shall be treated as a new application.
- (l) Application will be returned if:
 - 1. Incomplete information or requirements; or
 - 2. The proposed gaming venue is included in the list of saturated areas; or
 - 3. The proposed gaming venue has reached the maximum allowed co-location; or
 - 4. The proposed gaming venue is not compliant with the site location distance and area requirements; or
 - 5. The Applicant has decided to withdraw its application; or
 - 6. Non-compliance with the submission of complete documentary requirements and/or failure to pay the applicable fees within the prescribed period.
 - 7. Applicant previously banned / blacklisted by PAGCOR from filing any type of application.

Section 2. Where to secure Application Form

Application Form for the Establishment of Gaming Venue (EG Form No. 1) can be obtained by downloading from the Electronic Gaming page at the link: www.pagcor.ph/regulatory.

Section 3. Where to submit the Application Form

The Applicant shall email the scanned copies of all duly accomplished Application form and its attachments to eGaming_Licensing@pagcor.ph. The clear hard copies of the submitted documents shall be made available to EGLD at any time upon request.

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Section 4. Site Recommendation and Approval

- (a) The necessary recommendation to the PAGCOR Board of Directors on the approval of the gaming venue shall then be submitted upon fulfillment of the following conditions:
 1. Compliance with the site location distance and area requirements;
 2. Submission of proposed gaming venue layout plan and site set-up concept renderings;
 3. Payments of applicable fees; and
 4. Submission of complete documentary requirements
- (b) Site Approval
 1. Upon approval of the PAGCOR Board of Directors, the EGLD shall:
 - Issue a notice of approval to the Applicant's official email address; and
 - Prepare the Gaming License (GL) for the signature of PAGCOR Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CCEO)
 2. A separate communication that the original copy of the Gaming License shall be issued to the Operator once available.
 3. Upon approval of application, the Operator shall establish its gaming venue and conduct the pre-operational activities in accordance with Article VI of this Regulatory Framework.

Section 5. Additional Game Offering in an Existing Gaming Venue

- (a) For additional game offering in an existing gaming venue wherein a new Gaming License must be secured by the Operator, the following requirements shall apply in lieu of the above-stated requirements:
 1. Duly accomplished **Application for Gaming License for Additional Game Offering Form or EG Form No. 12**;
 2. Board Resolution or Secretary's Certificate on the new game offering(s) to be added in the existing gaming venue;
 3. Valid Business Permit of the existing venue;
 4. Proposed gaming venue layout plan and site set-up concept renderings; and
 5. Payment of Application Fee.
- (b) The application shall be returned in case of incomplete information and/or requirements.

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(c) The necessary recommendation to the PAGCOR Board of Directors on the approval of the additional game offering shall then be submitted upon fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Submission of complete documentary requirements including the valid Business Permit;
2. Submission of proposed gaming venue layout plan and site set-up concept renderings; and
3. Payments of applicable fees.

(d) Site Approval

1. Upon approval of the PAGCOR Board of Directors, EGLD shall:
 - Issue a notice of approval to the Applicant's official email address; and
 - Prepare the Gaming License (GL) for the signature of PAGCOR Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CCEO)
2. A separate communication that the original copy of the Gaming License shall be issued to the Operator once available.

(e) Pre-operational Activities:

1. Upon receipt of notice of approval, the Operator will be notified with the list of requirements to be complied with prior to its commercial operations.
2. Upon approval of the application, the Operator shall conduct a pre-operational testing of its electronic gaming system/s, network connectivity, and gaming terminals installed at the gaming venue.
3. The Operator shall post the PCD amount to PAGCOR-FMD prior to commencement of operations.
4. The Gaming License shall be released to the Operator upon payment of the PCD, along with submission to EGLD of the prescribed documents for its release.
5. The Operator shall submit to EGLD the duly signed Acknowledgement Receipt of the Gaming License prior to the commencement of gaming venue operation.
6. The Operator shall notify EGLD of the intended commencement of the new game offering at least seven (7) business days prior to its target opening date using **Notification of Target Opening Date (EG Form No. 5)**, upon submission of complete pre-operational

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requirements to EGLD.

7. PVT will conduct final inspection upon Operator's full compliance with the pre-operational documentary requirements and posting of the required PCD, prior to its live gaming operation.
8. Upon release of satisfactory results of the final inspection, EGLD shall issue a Notice to Commence gaming operations of the gaming venue via email to be forwarded to the Operator's official email address.
9. The commencement of operation of the gaming venue is a pre-requisite to Operator's offering to its registered players the online gaming operation via a remote gaming platform.
10. Should a new game offering fail to commence its commercial operation within a period of one year from the License issuance date, then its License shall be revoked. However, the Operator may still request for an extension of its commencement using the **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)** with corresponding payment of **Extension Fee** and must comply with its corresponding requirements and guidelines.

The reckoning period for extension shall be from the expiration date of 1-year grace period to commence operations until the date of full compliance with pre-operational requirements. Any additional extension will mean additional Extension Fees.

V. THE GAMING LICENSE

The Gaming License (GL) is the license issued by PAGCOR in favor of the Operator to establish and to operate a gaming venue hosting a game offering, including access to accredited remote gaming platform for online gaming.

Gaming License shall be referred herein as "License".

- (a) It is the instrument issued by PAGCOR to the qualified Operator for the establishment and operation of a gaming venue hosting various game offerings and access to accredited gaming platforms whether on-site betting or online gaming. A Gaming License is a mere privilege granted by PAGCOR for the conduct of gaming within the Philippine territory.
- (b) Together with applicable regulatory frameworks duly approved by

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PAGCOR, it shall govern the setting-up and operation of gaming venue in accordance with the PAGCOR Charter.

- (c) New or amended regulatory policies disseminated through PAGCOR's official communication through any of the following electronic channels shall form part of the License:
 - 1. Operator's official e-mail address/es; and
 - 2. PAGCOR Regulatory website.
- (d) The License validity term, initial or renewal, shall be in accordance with the *Regulatory Framework for Fees and Rates on Gaming Site Operations*.
- (e) It is non-assignable and non-transferable without the consent of PAGCOR.
- (f) The License is a permit or privilege and is not a contract between PAGCOR and the Applicant, hence, the License may be amended, supplemented, suspended, and revoked in accordance with the provisions of these rules and other pertinent laws and regulations. The License is not a property or a property right of the Applicant, nor does it create a vested right.
- (g) The original Gaming License must be posted at a strategic location within the premises of the gaming venue.
- (h) Re-printing or re-issuance of Gaming License shall be allowed due to justifiable reasons and must submit proof justifying the same and shall be subject to a re-printing fee.
- (i) Changes on the specific details on the Gaming License, initiated by the Operator, i.e., change of company name or correction of gaming venue address, may be allowed subject to submission of a Board Resolution requesting the specific change in the GL together with supporting documentary requirements. Said change shall be subject to a re-printing fee and the same shall be submitted to the PAGCOR Board of Directors, for approval.
- (j) For Gaming License which was approved for pre-termination, change or amendment, the original copy of the valid and existing Gaming License shall be surrendered to EGLD prior to the issuance of the amended or revised License, or as part of the post-operational requirements, whichever is applicable.

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- (k) The original copy of License shall be released to the Operator, subject to submission to EGLD of the following:
1. Photocopy of the Government-issued valid Identification (ID) card of the receiving Board member, officer, or authorized recipient;
 2. Submission of Board Resolution or Secretary's Certificate authorizing the recipient in item 1 to receive the License on behalf of the Operator;
 3. For amended or revised license, the original copy of the valid Gaming License under former gaming venue or operator, as applicable, must be surrendered;
 4. For new gaming venue or new Operator of a gaming venue, payment/posting of the required Performance Cash Deposit.

VI. THE GAMING VENUE

Section 1. Designation of a Gaming Venue Area

- (a) The gaming venue area shall be comprised of areas occupied by the gaming terminals or gaming tables including provisions for the cage/s or cashier's booth/s, server/s, offices, utilities, storage area/ room, lounge, among others, which are necessary to the operation of the gaming venue.
- (b) The gaming venue area is spacious enough to accommodate the following, among others:
 1. Minimum number of terminals or gaming tables for each game offering as prescribed in applicable regulatory frameworks.
 2. Set-up of Gaming lounge for Sports Betting or Specialty Games.
- (c) The Operator shall designate a gaming area within the gaming venue where suite of games, or any combination thereof will be operated. Betting station or kiosk may be located within a gaming area of a gaming venue.
- (d) No games shall be conducted or played in any ancillary area of the gaming venue.

Section 2. Setting up of a Gaming Venue

- (a) The Operator shall ensure that the gaming venue is constructed, gaming terminals/tables, necessary gaming equipment and/or paraphernalia are

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installed in conformity with the gaming venue specification guidelines as enumerated under this Framework.

- (b) The Operator shall procure the necessary gaming equipment and/or gaming paraphernalia, including but not limited to electronic gaming system and terminals/tables, from PAGCOR-GLDD enrolled Suppliers or PAGCOR-accredited Service Providers only.

Procurement of gaming equipment and/or paraphernalia by an Operator shall be subject to the procedures/requirements prescribed in GLDD's Suppliers Regulatory Manual and applicable regulatory frameworks.

- (c) Except for Gaming Lounges, the gaming venue must have provisions for the following:

1. Counter type Cage/s or Cashier's booth/s
2. Office equipment:
 - Personal Computer with printer and internet connection; and
 - Telephone line/mobile phone.
3. Designated working space for PAGCOR representative/s or PMT with the following:
 - Workstation with printer;
 - Internet connection; and
 - Necessary office supplies.

- (d) Gaming venue must strictly comply with the minimum requirements for Security and Surveillance System as imposed by PAGCOR pursuant to the applicable regulatory frameworks.

- (e) Lighting must be sufficient enough to record a clear CCTV footage.

- (f) Stockroom for gaming equipment and paraphernalia, as applicable;

- (g) Posting of the General House Rules must be prominently displayed at strategic places inside the gaming venue.

- (h) The requirements for setting up of gaming venue may not apply to betting station or kiosk located within a PAGCOR-operated or regulated casinos. Provided however, that gaming venue shall be located within the gaming area of the casino.

- (i) The Operator may use exterior signage subject to PAGCOR's Responsible Gaming Code of Practice.

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Section 3. Player Registration System

Operator shall utilize a Player registration system/solution which has the functionalities on player management as permitted in the *Regulatory Frameworks for Gaming Venue Operations*.

Section 4. Gaming Venue Manning

The Operator shall ensure that their employees have obtained a Gaming Employment License (GEL) from PAGCOR pursuant to the guidelines set in Online GEL Manual and any guidelines that PAGCOR may issue from time to time.

The Operator shall provide gaming venue personnel who must pass the qualifications listed below:

- (a) Gaming venue personnel shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
- (b) Gaming venue personnel must secure a Gaming Employment License (GEL) from PAGCOR.

Section 5. Pre-operational activities

- (a) Upon receipt of notice of approval, the Operator shall be notified with the list of requirements to be complied with prior to its commercial operations.
- (b) Upon approval of the application, the Operator shall establish its gaming venue in accordance with this Regulatory Framework.
- (c) The Operator shall post the PCD amount to PAGCOR-FMD prior to commencement of operations.
- (d) The Gaming License shall be released to the Operator upon payment of the PCD, along with submission to EGLD of the prescribed documents for its release.
- (e) The Operator shall submit to EGLD the duly signed Acknowledgement Receipt of the Gaming License prior to the commencement of gaming venue operation.
- (f) The Operator shall conduct a pre-operational testing of its electronic gaming system/s, network connectivity and gaming terminals installed at the gaming venue.
- (g) The Operator shall ensure the readiness of the gaming venue for its operation in accordance with this Framework.

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- (h) The Operator shall notify EGLD of the intended commencement of the gaming venue at least seven (7) business days prior to its target opening date using **Notification of Target Opening Date (EG Form No. 5)**, upon submission of complete pre-operational requirements to EGLD.
- (i) PVT will conduct final inspection upon Operator's full compliance with the pre-operational documentary requirements and posting of the required PCD, prior to its live gaming operation.
- (j) Upon release of satisfactory results of the final inspection, EGLD shall issue a Notice to Commence gaming operations of the gaming venue through email to be forwarded to the Operator's official email address.
- (k) The commencement of operation of the gaming venue is a pre-requisite to Operator's offering to its registered players its online gaming operation via a remote gaming platform.
- (l) Should a new gaming venue fail to commence its commercial operation within a period of one year from the License issuance date, then its License shall be revoked. However, the Operator may still request for an extension of its commencement using the **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)** with corresponding payment of **Extension Fee**, and must comply with its corresponding requirements and guidelines.

The reckoning period for extension shall be from the expiration date of 1-year grace period to commence operations until the date of full compliance with pre-operational requirements. Any additional extension will mean additional Extension Fees.

VII. OTHER GAMING LICENSE-RELATED APPLICATIONS

Section 1. Application for Renewal of License

The continuous operation of a gaming venue with an expired License is prohibited, except when the Operator had signified its intent to renew the existing License prior to expiration and subsequently applied for extension of renewal application, if applicable.

- (a) Application for renewal of License of the gaming venue shall be subject to the following requirements and guidelines:

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1. The Operator shall submit a duly accomplished **Request for Renewal of Gaming License Form (EG Form No. 3)**, not later than **thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of its License**. Otherwise, a penalty of PhP30,000.00 shall be imposed. **Request for Renewal of Gaming License Form (EG Form No. 3)** filed on the date of expiration shall not be processed, at which case, the Operator shall cease operations and shall apply for a new License if it intends to resume operations thereat.
2. The Operator must have no unpaid penalty/ies and/or extension fee/s.
3. The gaming venue must be compliant with the prescribed minimum number of operational terminals, as applicable
4. The Operator must be compliant with the submission of Business Permits in the required submission of annual documents.
5. The PCD posted to PAGCOR must be compliant with the existing rates.
6. Conduct of site inspection shall be required. The PVT shall schedule and conduct the site inspection upon receipt of request from EGLD.
7. Operator whose License has expired shall still be allowed to complete the aforementioned renewal requirements, subject to the following guidelines:
 - i. The Operator has filed its application for License renewal within the prescribed period, i.e., 30 days prior to expiration of License.
 - ii. The Operator has requested for an extension of its renewal application by submitting to EGLD a duly accomplished **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)** before the expiration date of the License, or approved extended period, if any, with attached copy of O.R. for payment of the corresponding **Extension Fee**. Filing of Extension must be until the date of completion of renewal requirements.
 - iii. Penalty imposed on account of the late submission of EG Form No. 3, i.e., P30,000 penalty, shall not form part of the current renewal requirements. Hence, it shall not to be considered or form part of the Extension Fees. Nonetheless, the Gaming License shall not be renewed until all imposed penalties have been settled.

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- iv. In case of non-renewal/revocation of the License, any unpaid Extension Fee and/or Renewal Fee, as applicable, shall be deducted from the refundable PCD amount.
 - v. Non-filing of **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)** and non-payment of **Extension Fee** shall result to expiration of the License at which case can no longer be the subject of renewal.
 - vi. The extension period shall be for each calendar day, after the expiration date. Any additional extension will mean additional Extension Fee per each day of extension.
- (b) Should the Operator be found compliant with the renewal requirements, a recommendation to the PAGCOR Board of Directors for the approval of the renewal of License of the concerned gaming venues shall then be processed.
 - (c) The Operator shall be advised of the PAGCOR Board's action. Should the application for renewal be approved, a notice of approval shall be issued to the Operator, otherwise, the appropriate communication shall be sent.

For clarity, a separate communication that the original copy of the Gaming License shall be issued once available.

Section 2. Application for amendment of License due to change in location

An Operator may request for a change in location of a gaming venue only within the same city or municipality.

- (a) The Operator shall submit to EGLD a duly accomplished **Request for Amendment to Gaming License Form due to Change in Location (EG Form No. 38)**. An amendment to the existing License with the new or updated address shall be undertaken subject to the following:
 1. The Operator is the same business entity;
 2. The Operator must have a valid License or has approved extension for License renewal application, as the case may be;
 3. The proposed transfer location must be compliant with the site location requirements as prescribed in Article III of this Regulatory Framework;

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4. The existing gaming venue must have a valid Business Permit;
5. Submission of the following documentary requirements:
 - i. Copy of lease offer issued to the Applicant signifying the lessor's willingness to enter into a lease agreement for the intended space for proposed gaming venue, in case the Applicant is a Lessee; or copy of the Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) or Declaration of Real Property (Tax Declaration), whichever is applicable, of the property where the proposed site will be located, in case the Applicant is the owner of said property.
 - ii. Secretary's Certificate indicating the Board's resolution stating the company's decision to transfer/relocate its existing gaming venue to the proposed location and designation of Authorized Representative of the company to submit the application and transact on behalf of the Applicant-corporation.
 - iii. Sworn Undertaking indicating that the Applicant has conducted due diligence and surveyed the area where the proposed gaming venue will be located and is confirming that the proposed location is compliant with distance requirements from schools, places of worship, and from another gaming venue.
 - iv. Certification from a duly licensed geodetic engineer confirming that the proposed gaming venue location classified as commercial building is compliant with the site location distance requirements, may be required.
 - v. Copy of certificate of Accreditation as hotel/resort issued by DOT for proposed site located within a hotel or resort.
- (b) If the submittals are found to be in order, EGLD shall advise the Applicant to proceed with the payment of Inspection Fee within seven (7) business days.
- (c) The PVT shall schedule the site inspection upon the Applicant's compliance with the following:
 1. Complete submission of Applicant documentary requirements; and
 2. Payment of Inspection Fee.
- (d) Application will be returned if:
 1. Incomplete documentary requirements; or
 2. The proposed gaming venue is included in the list of saturated areas;

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- or
 3. The proposed gaming venue has reached the maximum allowed co-location; or
 4. The proposed gaming venue is not compliant with the site location distance and area requirements; or
 5. The Applicant has decided to withdraw its application; or
 6. Non-compliance with the submission of complete documentary requirements and/or non-payment of applicable fees within the prescribed period; or
 7. Non-compliance with the requirements for Application for Change in Location as enumerated above.
- (e) If Applicant-operator is qualified and has successfully complied with the submission of documentary requirements and its proposed gaming venue is found acceptable, the Applicant shall be required to submit its proposed gaming venue layout plan and site set-up concept renderings within fifteen (15) days from the date of EGLD advice.
- (f) The Applicant-operator must ensure that the proposed gaming venue is compliant with the site location area and site location distance requirements as prescribed in Article III of this Framework.
- (g) Should the Applicant fail to submit the documentary requirements in Section 2(e) above on time, the application shall be returned. Re-submitted application shall be treated as a new application for change in location.
- (h) EGLD shall submit to PAGCOR Board the recommendation on the site application for change in location together with the revocation of previous gaming venue's License upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:
1. Payment of Inspection Fee;
 2. Compliance with the site location distance and area requirements; and,
 3. Submission of complete documentary requirements.
- (i) The validity of the amended License shall be the unexpired term of the original License.
- (j) The Operator shall be advised of the PAGCOR Board's action. Should the application for amendment of License be approved, a notice of approval shall be issued to the Operator, otherwise, the appropriate communication shall be sent.

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- (k) The Operator shall then be issued a notice of revocation of the License issued at the former location which will take effect upon commencement of its operation at the new transfer location.
- (l) Upon approval of the application, the Operator shall establish its gaming venue in accordance with Sections 1 to 4 under Article VI of this Regulatory Framework.
- (m) Pre-operational activities:
 1. Upon receipt of notice of approval, the Operator shall be notified with the list of requirements to be complied with prior to its commercial operations.
 2. The Gaming License shall be released to the Operator upon submission to EGLD of the prescribed documents for its release.
 3. The original copy of the valid and existing Gaming License indicating the former location shall be surrendered to EGLD prior to the issuance of the amended license.
 4. The Operator shall secure an amended Business Permit to correspond with the new address of the gaming venue and submit the same to EGLD in compliance with the prescribed annual submission of documents;

In lieu of the above, a corresponding application to the LGU of the said transfer of location must be submitted by the Operator.
 5. The PCD posted for the existing gaming venue shall be transferred to its new gaming venue. The PCD shall comply with the increased rate, as necessary;
 6. The Operator, prior to cessation of operations of its existing gaming venue, shall conduct a closing inventory of all the gaming equipment and paraphernalia, including the installed gaming systems, currently located at the gaming venue and submit to EGLD, copy furnished CMED with a duly accomplished **Closing Inventory List of Gaming Equipment and Paraphernalia (EG Form No. 37)**.
 7. CMED shall ensure that only the approved brand(s) and its corresponding number of electronic gaming terminals / gaming

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tables, as applicable, enumerated from the submitted EG Form No. 37 shall be transferred and installed at the new gaming venue. Otherwise, a separate approval for addition/reduction of electronic gaming terminals / gaming tables must be accordingly sought by the Operator.

8. The Operator shall conduct a pre-operational testing on installed electronic gaming system, network connectivity, electronic gaming terminals, and other gaming equipment at the new gaming venue;
 9. The Operator shall ensure the readiness of the gaming venue for its operation in accordance with the requirements prescribed in Article VI of this Framework.
 10. The Operator shall notify EGLD of the intended commencement of the gaming venue at least seven (7) business days prior to its target opening date using **Notification of Target Opening Date (EG Form No. 5)**, upon submission of complete pre-operational requirements to EGLD.
 11. As early closure of the old gaming venue may be necessary in carrying out the transfer of electronic gaming terminals/gaming tables to the new gaming venue, the Operator shall submit to EGLD a duly accomplished **Temporary Suspension of Operations Form (EG Form No. 6)**. The actual date of commencement at the new gaming venue shall effectively terminate the validity of the previously approved EG Form No. 6.
- (n) Upon submission of complete pre-operational documentary requirements, the PVT shall conduct final inspection of the gaming venue including testing of the newly installed electronic gaming system and its terminals or machines prior to gaming operations.

Upon release of satisfactory results of the final inspection/testing, EGLD shall issue a Notice to Commence gaming operations through the Operator's official email address.

- (o) If the gaming venue is covered by the prohibition on expansion of gaming terminals based on the current list of saturated areas for gaming venue, it shall be allowed to add gaming terminals only if the proposed number of additional gaming terminals does not exceed the gaming venue's original number of gaming terminals prior to the imposition of the prohibition.

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Section 3. Relocation of gaming venue within the same building, compound, or complex

This Section shall apply to Operator's request for relocation and/or expansion/reduction of gaming venue within the same building, compound, or complex, where a corresponding amendment to the License shall be made allowing the relocation or expansion/reduction of gaming venue from its existing location to the following location:

1. Another floor within the same building/establishment;
2. Another unit within the same building/establishment; and
3. Another building within the same mall or complex.

- (a) For this purpose, the following documentary requirements must be submitted by the Operator:
 1. Duly accomplished **Request for Amendment to Gaming License Form due to Relocation within the Same Building, Compound, or Complex** (EG Form No. 39).
 2. Valid Business Permit of the gaming venue;
 3. Layout plan of the existing site and the proposed transfer location within the same building, compound, or complex;
 4. Site concept renderings of the proposed transfer location;
 5. Closing Inventory List (EG Form No. 37) enumerating the list of all gaming equipment and paraphernalia currently located at the existing gaming venue; and
 6. Payment of Inspection Fee.
- (b) EGLD shall submit to the PAGCOR Board the recommendation on the amendment of License relative to the gaming venue's relocation or expansion/reduction within the same building, compound, or complex together with the revocation of the previous gaming venue's License upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:
 1. Payment of Inspection Fee; and
 2. Submission of complete documentary requirements.
- (c) Application will be returned if:
 1. Incomplete documentary requirements; or
 2. The Applicant has decided to withdraw its application; or
 3. Expired License or non-filing of the required extension for renewal
- (d) The validity of the amended License shall be the unexpired term of the original License.
- (e) The Operator shall be advised of the PAGCOR Board's action. Should the application for amendment of License be approved, a notice of

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approval shall be issued to the Operator, otherwise, the appropriate communication shall be sent.

For clarity, a separate communication that the original copy of the amended Gaming License shall be issued once available.

- (f) The Operator shall then be issued a notice of revocation of the License issued at the former location which will take effect upon commencement of its operation at the new transfer location.
- (g) Upon approval of the application, the Operator shall establish its gaming venue in accordance with Sections 1 to 4 under Article VI of this Regulatory Framework.
- (h) The Operator shall conduct the pre-operational activities as prescribed in Section 2 Subsection (m) under Article VII of this Regulatory Framework.
- (i) Upon release of satisfactory results of the final inspection/testing, EGLD shall issue a Notice to Commence gaming operations of the gaming venue through the Operator's official email address.
- (j) For gaming venue relocation or expansion within the same building resulting from force majeure or other reasons not controlled by the Operator, and does not deviate or inconsistent with from the PAGCOR Board-approved registered address as indicated in the License, the following requirements shall apply:
 1. Board Resolution stating that the Operator is requesting the relocation of gaming venue together with the supporting documents relevant to the said request;
 2. Layout plan of the existing gaming venue and the proposed transfer location within the same building, compound, or complex;
 3. Site concept renderings of the proposed transfer location;
 4. Closing Inventory List (GS Form No. 37) enumerating the list of all gaming equipment and paraphernalia currently located at the existing gaming venue;
 5. Notification of Target Opening Date (EG Form No. 5); and,
 6. Payment of Inspection Fee.

Upon submission of complete documentary requirements, the PVT shall conduct final inspection of the gaming venue including testing of the newly installed electronic gaming system and terminals prior to gaming operation.

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Upon release of satisfactory results of the final inspection/testing, EGLD shall issue a Notice to Commence gaming operations of gaming venue through the Operator's official email address.

- (k) For the expansion/reduction of gaming venue space/area not contemplated above and consistent with the Board-approved registered address as indicated in the License, including the re-arrangements/movements of terminals within the existing gaming venue, the Operator shall notify CMED prior to the implementation of the said expansion/reduction, and the latter must ensure the gaming venue's compliance with this Framework.
- (l) For reduction of gaming venue space that will entail change in the Board-approved registered address as indicated in the License, the Operator shall submit a corresponding Board Resolution indicating the Operator's request for reduction of gaming venue space and necessary supporting documentary requirements. Said change shall be subject to a re-printing fee and shall be submitted to PAGCOR Board of Directors for approval.

Section 4. Application for Amendment of License due to Change in Operator

- (a) An Applicant may apply as new Operator of an existing PAGCOR-licensed gaming venue, subject to the following guidelines:
 1. The existing Operator and the Applicant shall submit to EGLD a duly accomplished **Application for Change in Operator Form (EG Form No. 31)** which includes the existing Operator's intent to pre-terminate its License where the following shall be disclosed/provided:
 - i. Reason/s for pre-termination of License;
 - ii. Signature(s) of the authorized signatory/ies of the Operator-corporation signifying concurrence to the license pre-termination; and a Board resolution stating that the corporation is pre-terminating its License due to change in ownership; and
 - iii. Copy of latest GIS duly received by SEC.
 2. The Operator must submit the valid Business Permit of the gaming venue.
 3. A copy of the Deed of Absolute Sale or Assignment of the gaming venue with corresponding Board Resolution or Secretary's Certificate relative to the acquisition or transfer of rights from the

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existing operator to the Applicant, must be provided upon submission of the Application for Change in Operator.

4. The Applicant, on the other hand, shall comply with the documentary requirements as prescribed in Article II Section 2 of this Framework.
5. The Applicant shall pay the required the Application Fee upon advice from EGLD.
6. The above requirements must be fully complied with within fifteen (15) days from receipt of application.
7. The gaming venue must be compliant with the requirements as provided for in Article VI of this Framework.
8. Conduct of inspection of the gaming venue shall be required.
9. PVT shall schedule and subsequently conduct the site inspection upon the Applicant's compliance with the following:
 - i. Complete submission of Applicant's documentary requirements;
 - ii. Deed of Assignment or Deed of Absolute Sale for the existing gaming venue; and
 - iii. Payment of Application Fee.
10. Acceptability of the proposed gaming venue, submission of complete documentary requirements and payment of application fee do not guarantee the approval of the application. The grant of the Gaming License to the new operator is subject to the approval of PAGCOR's Board of Directors.
11. The Operator of a gaming venue with an existing **Application for Change in Operator Form (EG Form No. 31)** filed with EGLD wherein the corresponding License is due to expire shall submit duly accomplished **Request for Extension of Application Form (EG Form No. 4)** prior to expiration of License, approved extended period, if any, with attached copy of O.R. for payment of the corresponding **Extension Fee** until such time the Applicant fully complies with the requirements as indicated above. Non-compliance thereof will mean automatic return of the Application for Change in Operator at which case, the License shall be revoked and the Operator shall cease operations and shall apply for a new License if it intends to resume operations thereat.

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12. Application will be returned if:

- i. Non-compliant with the submission of complete documentary requirements and/or non-payment of applicable fees within the prescribed period from receipt of EGLD advice; or
- ii. Non-compliant with the guidelines of application for extension, if any; or
- iii. The Operator has decided to withdraw its application;

(b) EGLD shall submit to PAGCOR Board of Directors the recommendation on the application of the new Operator together with the revocation or pre-termination of the previous Operator's License upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Payment of applicable fees;
2. Gaming venue's compliance; and
3. Submission of complete documentary requirements.

(c) Upon approval of PAGCOR Board, the following guidelines shall apply, otherwise, an appropriate communication shall be sent:

1. EGLD shall issue a notice of approval to the new Operator and shall advise to proceed with posting of the PCD.
2. The new Operator shall post the PCD to PAGCOR-FMD within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of notice of approval. Transfer to the new Operator of PCD posted by the previous Operator shall not be allowed.
3. Upon posting of the PCD, EGLD, shall thereafter issue a copy of the License under the new operator.

The original copy of the valid and existing Gaming License indicating the former operator's name shall be surrendered to EGLD prior to the release of the original license under the new operator's name.

4. A notice to confirm that the new Operator may assume management of the gaming venue shall be issued by the EGLD.
5. The previous Operator shall then be informed of the revocation of its License effective upon the new Operator's assumption of management of the gaming venue.
6. The PCD (net of any outstanding monetary obligations to PAGCOR) of the previous Operator shall be refunded in

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accordance with the guidelines on post-operational activities prescribed in the Regulatory Framework for Gaming Venue Operations.

7. The new Operator shall secure the Business Permit under its name and submit the amended Business Permit to EGLD in compliance with the prescribed annual submission of documents.
- (d) Application for Change in Operator shall only be allowed after a period of two (2) years from the existing Operator's commencement date of operations. For purposes thereof, Operators are required to notify EGLD within fifteen (15) days from the consummation of transactions between the existing and incoming/new Operator, i.e., Deed of Sale / Assignment. Otherwise, a corresponding penalty shall be imposed.

Acceptance of the above notification and submission of complete documentary requirements and payment of application fee do not guarantee the approval of the application for amendment of License due to change in operator. The grant of the Gaming License to the new operator is subject to the approval of PAGCOR's Board of Directors.

Section 5. Revocation or Pre-termination of Gaming License

- (a) In the event of voluntary closure of gaming venue and permanent cessation of gaming operations, the Operator shall notify EGLD prior to the intended closure by submitting a duly accomplished and **Voluntary Closure/Non-Renewal of Gaming License Notification Form (EG Form No. 30)**, where the following shall be provided/ attached:
1. Operator's name;
 2. Gaming venue location;
 3. Gaming License details including its validity;
 4. Reason/s for voluntary closure of gaming venue or non-renewal of License;
 5. Signature(s) of the authorized signatory/ies of the Operator-corporation signifying concurrence to the voluntary closure of gaming venue or non-renewal of License;
 6. Copy of latest GIS duly received by SEC; and
 7. Board resolution or Secretary's Certificate stating that the corporation is voluntarily closing its gaming venue or not renewing the License.
- (b) A recommendation on the revocation of the License of the gaming venue for closure shall then be submitted to the PAGCOR Board for approval/confirmation.

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- (c) A written notice on the approval of the revocation of License shall be issued by EGLD.
- (d) Upon issuance by EGLD of notice on the approval of the revocation of License, whether caused by voluntary closure of gaming venue, or any other reason, the Operator must undertake the post-operational activities as prescribed in a separate regulatory framework.
- (e) Aside from the voluntary revocation / pre-termination of License by the Operator, Gaming License may also be revoked by PAGCOR based on the following:
 1. Continuous non-remittance of PAGCOR Share or other monetary obligations;
 2. Continuous failure to submit the Business Permit for the consecutive years or if the Business Permit is cancelled by the LGU;
 3. Non-compliance with suspension orders, as may be issued by PAGCOR, resulting from violations committed as prescribed in a separate regulatory framework;
 4. Continuous non-operation of the gaming venue beyond the 90-day period without justifiable cause;
 5. Non-filing of Request for Renewal EG Form No. 3 within the prescribed period shall render the GL non-renewable and effectively expired;
 6. The Operator is criminally and civilly indicted and found guilty for the commission and participation in unlawful acts;
 7. Upon a court order or a lawful order of a duly constituted authority of the land;
 8. Any order is made, or an effective resolution passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Operator's business or when it ceases to carry on all or a material part of its operation;
 9. Any misrepresentation or false information found in the submitted documents by the Operator; or
 10. Any other grounds not stated above that PAGCOR may deem to have shown material defiance or disregard of the rules, guidelines and authority by PAGCOR.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

This regulatory framework shall repeal previous issuances the independent provisions of which are inconsistent with the same.

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5	Notification of Target Opening Date Form	6
6	Temporary Suspension of Operations Form	7
12	Application for Gaming License for Additional Game Offering Form	4
30	Voluntary Closure / Non-Renewal of Gaming License Notification Form	7
31	Application for Change in Operator Form	7
33	Certificate of Non-filing of Annual Income Tax Return	2
37	Closing Inventory List of Gaming Equipment and Paraphernalia	7
38	Request for Amendment to Gaming License Form due to Change in Location	7
39	Request for Amendment to Gaming License Form due to Relocation within the Same Building, Compound, or Complex Form	7
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