



GREAT CANADIAN GAMING CORPORATION

GREAT CANADIAN COMMENCES NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID

September 16, 2008, Richmond, BC – Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (the "Company") announced today its intention to commence a normal course issuer bid for up to 6,185,165 million of its common shares, representing approximately 10% of the public float of the Company. As at September 11, 2008 there were 82,616,226 common shares of the Company outstanding. Purchases will be by way of open market purchases through the facilities of the TSX, and conducted at the market price at the time of acquisition. All shares purchased by the Company will be subsequently cancelled.

The Company has received approval from the TSX to commence this bid on September 19, 2008. The bid will end on September 18, 2009 or earlier if the number of shares sought in the issuer bid have been obtained. The Company reserves the right to terminate the bid earlier if it feels it is appropriate to do so. Pursuant to TSX policies, daily purchases made by the Company will not exceed 65,172 common shares or 25% of the average daily trading volume of 260,689 common shares on the TSX, subject to certain prescribed exceptions.

Thomas Bell, Vice-President Corporate Development and Investor Relations, commented, "The flexibility of Great Canadian's capital structure makes a share repurchase program the ideal tool to better manage the Company's balance of debt and equity. In combination with current market prices, we believe the bid will take full advantage of an opportunity for the creation of sustainable shareholder value."

Within the last twelve months, under a normal issuer bid that expired on July 22, 2008, the Company purchased 4,491,300 of its common shares at a weighted-average price of \$12.76 through the facilities of the TSX.

All shares will be purchased on the open market through the facilities of the TSX, and payment for the shares will be in accordance with the TSX's by-laws and rules. No purchases will be made other than by means of open market transactions during the term of the normal course issuer bid.

To the knowledge of the Company, after reasonable inquiry, no director or senior officer and no other person holding 10% or more of any class of equity shares of the Company and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing and no person acting jointly or in concert with the Company currently proposes to sell common shares of the Company during the course of the normal course issuer bid. Directors and senior officers may also during such period sell common shares through the facilities of the TSX. All of these persons have been advised that if they do sell common shares during the course

of this bid, they are to advise the Company and the Company will ensure that it is not active in the market at the time such sales occur.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities in the United States. The securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to U.S. Persons unless the securities are registered in the United States or an exemption from such registration is available.

ABOUT GREAT CANADIAN

Great Canadian Gaming Corporation is a multi-jurisdictional gaming and entertainment operator with operations in British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia, Canada, and Washington State. The Company operates ten casinos, five horseracing facilities (three offer slot machines and one offers both slot machines and table games), a community gaming centre, a bingo hall, a hotel and conference centre, two show theatres and various associated hospitality outlets. Further information is available on the Company's website, www.gcgaming.com.

ON BEHALF OF GREAT CANADIAN GAMING CORPORATION

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