



GREAT CANADIAN GAMING CORPORATION

Hastings Goodwill Write Down

January 18, 2007 – Richmond, British Columbia – Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (the “Company”) [TSX: GCD] announced today that in the quarter ended December 31, 2006 it recorded a non-cash write down of approximately \$9.9 million representing all of the goodwill associated with its investment in Hastings Entertainment Inc. The write down resulted from a review of the Company’s operations and normal course impairment tests associated therewith.

“Great Canadian remains excited about, and committed to, the next stage in Hastings’ development,” stated Milton Woensdregt, Great Canadian’s Chief Financial Officer.

About Great Canadian Gaming Corporation

Great Canadian, home to approximately 5,200 employees, is a multi-jurisdictional gaming and entertainment operator with facilities in British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Washington State. Great Canadian operates casinos, thoroughbred and standardbred racecourses, a community gaming centre, a hotel, two show theatres, and various food and beverage facilities.

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