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CEO ANN KENNEDY TO DEPART FOR OTHER START-UP GAMING PROPERTY; SUCCESSOR IS IN PLACE

(June 8, 2008) – Ann Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer of Downstream Casino Resort, will leave the post to assume similar duties at another start-up gaming operation effective July 12.

Kennedy has been part of the core handful of individuals who launched the Downstream development in about April 2007. She was the first hired employee and played a key role in the group's successful finance "Road Show" last year.

"We are very sad to see Ann go. We would keep her forever if we could. Ann's contributions to our success are truly immeasurable," said John Berrey, Chairman of Downstream Development Authority. "We certainly wish her the best in her new adventure, and we will always be grateful for what she has done for us."

Kennedy will be replaced by Steven Drewes, who has worked side-by-side with her since May 1, and is positioned to assume all CEO duties seamlessly upon her departure.

Drewes has more than 10 years experience in finance related to the gaming industry. Most recently he held the position of Sr. Director of Finance at Lumiere Place Casino & Hotels located in St. Louis, Mo. Drewes was part of the executive team that opened the Lumiere property in December 2007. He was responsible for overseeing all of the financial operations of the property. Prior to working with Lumiere, Drewes was the Vice President of Finance for the Ameristar Casino in Kansas City, Mo. He has also worked as the senior finance person at tribal casinos located in Minnesota and Michigan. Drewes has an accounting degree from the University of Minnesota at Moorhead, and an MBA from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

About Downstream Casino Resort

Downstream Casino Resort is a Las Vegas-style, upscale, destination resort ideally located just off I-44 at the spot where Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma meet – a historic zone known as the Tri-State Area, about seven miles west of the city of Joplin, Missouri.

The resort is owned and operated by the Downstream Development Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. The resort's executive management team is comprised of seasoned gaming and hospitality industry veterans from across the country.

Opening of the resort's first phase is July 5.