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**GTECH and IGT Merger Amendment Q&As**

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**1. What are the changes to the merger?**

The agreement is being amended so that all shareholders, upon completion of the mergers, will receive \$13.69 in cash and 0.1819 shares (subject to adjustment) of NewCo for each share of IGT common stock. Prior to this amendment, IGT shareholders would have been required to elect all-stock, all-cash consideration, or a mixed election, subject to proration.

The amendment also reduces the number of required approvals from gaming regulators as a condition to the closing.

In addition, while De Agostini S.p.A. will continue to have the right to select seven members to the 13-member NewCo board, the amendment reduces the number of those directors who must meet the independence standards of the New York Stock Exchange from four to three.

**2. Why is the merger agreement being changed?**

GTECH and IGT are committed to the overall best interests of their shareholders. Both companies have carefully evaluated and considered the impact of the merger amendment, and believe the changes will:

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- Enhance the ability to close as early as possible in the first half of 2015 (and avoid expected delays associated with not making the amendment)
- Minimize transaction complexity and risk
- Reduce closing costs

### **3. Why would not amending the merger agreement potentially cause significant delays in the closing of the transaction?**

The availability of the cash/stock election to be paid to IGT shareholders would have required a prospectus to be filed in the U.K. (which is where NewCo is being established). The process of preparing and getting the prospectus approved would have taken several

months. It could have also significantly delayed the filing of IGT's initial (F-4/proxy) registration statement. Removing this election in the merger agreement will allow both companies to avoid a potentially lengthy delay in closing the transaction.

**4. What would have happened if the change wasn't made?**

Given the complexity and cross-border nature of the transaction, the closing may have been delayed by approximately two to four months.

**5. What are the other closing conditions that are still applicable?**

Other than a reduced number of required approvals from gaming regulators, the other closing conditions remain unchanged. Most significantly, both companies' shareholders must approve the merger, and all necessary outstanding regulatory approvals must be received.

**6. When is the transaction now expected to close?**

Both companies are now focused on closing this transaction as early as possible in 2015.

**7. Will GTECH shareholders still have rescission rights?**

Yes, as this is a mandatory requirement of Italian law.

**8. Where will the proxy be available?**

The Form F-4 joint proxy statement is scheduled to be filed shortly.

**9. Have dates been set for the shareholder meetings?**

No dates have been set at this time.

**10. What are the tax consequences of receiving the consideration in both cash and shares?**

This will be addressed in the Form F-4.

**11. Why is it in the best interest of shareholders for the transaction to close more quickly instead of being delayed?**

- The boards of both companies believe it is beneficial for shareholders to receive the merger consideration as soon as possible.
- A shorter time period reduces transaction risk and closing uncertainty.

**12. Why was the issue and delay not anticipated earlier?**

Only after the merger agreement was executed could the parties work closely with the various regulatory authorities (in both the U.K. and Italy) to ascertain their views and opinions on the exact requirements.

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statement/prospectus ). INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED

TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC, IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT IGT, GTECH, NEWCO, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties by contacting Investor Relations, IGT (for documents filed with the SEC by IGT) or Investor Relations, GTECH (for documents filed with the SEC by NewCo).

### **Italian CONSOB Regulation No. 17221**

Pursuant to Article 6 of the CONSOB Regulation no. 17221 of March 12, 2010 (as amended, the CONSOB Regulation ), NewCo is a related party of GTECH, being a wholly owned subsidiary of GTECH.

The merger agreement providing for the GTECH-NewCo merger which exceeds the thresholds for significant transactions pursuant to the Regulation was approved unanimously by the GTECH board of directors.

The merger agreement and the GTECH-NewCo merger are subject to the exemption set forth in Article 14 of the CONSOB Regulation and Article 3.2 of the Disposizioni in materia di operazioni con parti correlate ( Procedures for transactions with related parties ) adopted by GTECH on July 28, 2011 and published on its website ([www.gtech.com](http://www.gtech.com)). Pursuant to this exemption, GTECH will not publish an information document (documento informativo) for related party transactions as provided by Article 5 of the CONSOB Regulation. Prior to the meeting of GTECH shareholders, GTECH will publish an information document pursuant to Article 70, paragraph 6, of the CONSOB Regulation on Issuers (CONSOB Regulation no. 11971 of May 24, 1999, as amended), in accordance with applicable terms.

### **Participants in the Distribution**

IGT, GTECH and NewCo and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of IGT in respect of the proposed transactions contemplated by the proxy statement/prospectus. Information regarding the persons who are, under the rules of the SEC, participants in the solicitation of the shareholders of IGT in connection with the proposed transactions, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. Information regarding IGT's directors and executive officers is contained in IGT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 28, 2013 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated January 24, 2014, which are filed with the SEC.

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