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NATIVE AMERICAN LAND GROUP ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

Proposal 'Makes Moral and Financial Sense'

Golden, CO (May 13, 2004) – Today, the Native American Land Group (NALG) and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, submitted their settlement proposal to the U.S. Department of Interior and the State of Colorado. The settlement proposal would expeditiously reach a mutually beneficial settlement of the Tribes' recently filed claims affecting 27 million acres of Colorado. The proposal includes substantial revenues to the State, which is expected to exceed \$1 billion.

"This is the yet another step in a methodical process for the Tribes to re-establish an economic and cultural presence on ancestral lands in Colorado through the Homecoming Project," said Steve Hillard, president of NALG. "The Settlement Proposal is one that the Tribes and Colorado can feel good about because it makes both moral and financial sense."

The Settlement Proposal includes the following:

- More than \$1 billion in projected revenues to the State, based upon voluntary revenue sharing for ten years at a rate one percentage point *higher* than that paid by the gaming industry in Colorado
- Revenues would be exempt from TABOR, allowing funds to address the sharp cuts made to essential state services due to the budget crisis or simply pay a larger refund to Colorado taxpayers
- No expansion of gaming in the State
- Creation of 5500 new jobs
- Substantial direct funds for local community infrastructure costs and services
- Generous community reinvestment dollars
- Resolution of Claims on 27 million acres of Colorado, which may affect real estate and water transactions
- Zero cost to taxpayers

- Designation of 500 acres of land, east of E-470, as trust lands, on which will be built a \$150 million world-class casino and Colorado Plains Indian Cultural Center
- Designation of a small parcel in downtown Denver as trust lands, which would not be used for gaming without the permission of the State.

“The people of Colorado know the Tribes’ history in Colorado and why they aren’t here, today. As part of that, Coloradoans also know the Tribes have some pretty strong claims,” Hillard stated. “The Tribes are asking for nothing more than what Colorado’s other tribes have and are offering more back to Colorado than the corporate casinos.”

“This proposal provides a ‘fresh idea’ to help solve the budget crisis. If I were a taxpayer, a homeowner, a parent, a student, or a senior citizen, I would be all over my public officials if they were not seriously considering this proposal,” Hillard said.

“Or maybe it’s money to be returned to taxpayers. Either way, it beats the uncertainty of disrupting real estate titles, and the cost of a State loss would be devastating,” Hillard concluded.

The Tribes selected the Native American Land Group to assist with the development, financing and negotiation of the terms of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Homecoming Project. NALG is a company organized by Council Tree Communications, Inc. that includes approximately 13,500 Native Americans together with experienced private equity firms.

Further information including copies of supporting documents and video clips are also available at www.homecomingproject.org. Please call for media access details.

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