ELITE CASINO RESORTS

Hastings Exposition and Racing Approved to Bring Quarter Horse Racing to Ogallala, Nebraska With Partner Elite Casino Resorts

Keith County adds another attraction for visitors from Nebraska and surrounding states

Lincoln, NE – The Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission approved a racing license application from Hastings Exposition and Racing, Inc. to establish a Quarter Horse track in Ogallala, Nebraska near Lake McConaughy. Hastings Exposition and Racing Inc. partnered with Elite Casino Resorts which currently operates the Grand Island Casino Resort, to develop a 5/8mile track on a 178-acre site.

Brian Becker, founder of Hastings Exposition and Racing Inc. added, "There are over 79,000 Quarter Horses, with over 13,500 owners in Nebraska, most in western Nebraska. We look forward to highlighting the valuable role these Nebraska bred horses have played in our history and growing Quarter Horse racing in our state."

Elite Casino Resorts submitted a gaming application to build a casino resort next to the track. The planned casino resort complex includes a hotel, restaurants, and truck stop and will be owned and operated by Elite Casino Resorts. The project is pending Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission approval.

"We are thrilled to bring a first-class resort, grow out of state tourism, add jobs and invest \$100 million into Ogallala and western Nebraska" said Dan Kehl, CEO of Elite Casino Resorts.

Detailed plans were submitted as part of the application for the racetrack and facilities and the casino resort complex. Construction on the racetrack is expected to begin as soon as zoning is approved.