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## **Ameranth's Strategic Gaming/Poker Patents Confirmed Valid by United States Patent and Trademark Office**

*Ameranth defeats Genesis Gaming's reexamination attempts to invalidate the patents*

**June 20, 2013**, San Diego — Ameranth, Inc. today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has now confirmed the validity of all of its gaming/poker patents in all three Reexaminations filed by Genesis Gaming Inc (Genesis) and by IT Casino Solutions Inc.(ITCS). These Ameranth strategic victories, along with the recent issuance of Ameranth's new gaming/poker patent, (U.S. Pat. No. **8,393,969**) - (with **#42** new claims) position Ameranth very strongly in the ongoing litigations against Genesis, ITCS and its other defendants in the Central District of California.

In interparties reexamination No. 95/001,698, the validity of **#27** claims of Ameranth's strategic gaming patent (U.S. Pat. No. **7,431,650**) titled "Casino Poker and Dealer Management System" were confirmed valid, when the USPTO 'dismissed' the Genesis Gaming appeal on June 19, 2013. In ex parte Reexaminations No. 90/011,859 and No. 90/011,915 - the validity of **#17** claims of the patent (U.S. Pat No. **7,878,909**) titled 'Products and Processes for Operations Management of Casino, Leisure and Hospitality Industry' were confirmed valid on March 15, 2013. These strategic victories and its now **#86** valid patent claims further confirm Ameranth's innovation and leadership role for many current and emerging automated poker room applications and deployments. Additionally, the confirmation of the validity of these key strategic patents validate Ameranth's leading and pioneering role in automating casinos overall and enabling the full computerized automation of the modern poker room - while clearly establishing Ameranth as the technology leader in virtually all automated aspects of poker rooms - as part of Ameranth's overall 21<sup>st</sup> Century Casino™ vision.

Hoping to escape their substantial infringement liabilities, Genesis and ITCS had filed these Reexamination Requests in July and August of 2011 - seeking to invalidate Ameranth's patents and all of its claims. However, despite all of Genesis's and IT Casino Solutions efforts and in spite of the best alleged prior art references that they were able to locate and present to the Patent Office, **#44** claims (including those covering all aspects of the modern poker room) were confirmed valid by the U.S. Patent Office. These confirmed valid claims broadly cover systems encompassing virtually all critical operations of the modern poker room - including player seating, public displays, tournaments, dealer rotation/tracking, player tracking (at room level or at/or from poker tables), security, wireless/internet

connections, player databases, web connectivity, player kiosks and interfaces to/with at the table shuffling machines and many other key aspects of the modern poker room.

“We are very pleased that the United States Patent Office has now confirmed the validity of **#86** claims of our three strategic poker room automation patents,” said Vern Yates, Ameranth’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. We were confident of success and knew that the defendants’ attempts to invalidate these industry leading and breakthrough patents would fail, which they did. We also have an additional gaming patent pending. We will continue to offer licenses to this technology for the companies and casinos/poker rooms employing it or seeking to employ it and to vigorously enforce these patents against infringers” - added Yates.

Ameranth’s industry leading automated poker systems are deployed in many casinos and operate in several of the largest and most prestigious poker rooms worldwide.

About Ameranth Inc:

Ameranth, Inc. ( <http://www.ameranth.com> ) is a recognized leader in the hospitality market. Ameranth has also been awarded ten technology and “best product” awards.

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