



## **ARISTOCRAT ANNOUNCES BOARD'S DECISION ON VOTING OF PROXIES ON THE RESOLUTION TO RE-ELECT JOHN DUCKER**

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Aristocrat Leisure Limited considered the position of Mr John Ducker and his decision to seek re-election to the Board of the Company.

The Board has previously indicated that it is a matter for shareholders to determine whether Mr Ducker is successful or otherwise in his bid to be re-elected. The Board now also believes it is appropriate to indicate its views on Mr Ducker's re-election to shareholders prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held on May 4 2004.

The Chairman of Aristocrat, Mr John Pascoe, said: "The Board recognises Mr Ducker's contribution to the Company by remaining on the Board prior to the appointment of David Simpson and Penny Morris so as to avoid the Company being in breach of the Corporations Act requirement for two Australian resident directors at all times. It also notes Mr Ducker's understandable desire to remain on the Board pending resolution of the various outstanding legal issues."

However, the Board determined at its meeting that it could not support Mr Ducker's decision to seek re-election in light of his undertaking to shareholders at last year's Annual General Meeting that he would resign. Shareholders have a reasonable expectation that the undertaking given by Mr Ducker would be met.

Accordingly, any undirected proxies received by the Chairman, the Company or Messrs Baker, Simpson, Steelman or Mrs Morris will be voted against the resolution to re-elect Mr Ducker to the Board for a further term.

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