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Aristocrat Leisure Raised To 'BB+' On Better Operating Performance

Melbourne, April 19, 2005—Standard & Poor's Rating Services today raised its long-term credit rating on Aristocrat Leisure Ltd. one notch to 'BB+' from 'BB'. The outlook is stable. The upgrade reflects the company's improved and now sound cash flow protection measures, which have benefited from resolution of historic product problems, improvement in sales practices, better inventory management, and good cost management.

"Aristocrat's better operating performance has also provided the foundation for ongoing reduction in debt levels since fiscal 2002, and the company is well placed to maintain its more conservative financial profile," said Peter Sikora, credit analyst in Standard & Poor's Corporate & Infrastructure Finance Ratings group.

"The rating also takes into account Aristocrat's leading position in the Australian gaming equipment market, its improving position in the U.S. market, and its good growth prospects in other developing gaming markets such as Macau," said Mr. Sikora

In fiscal 2004, EBIT increased to A$275 million from a loss of A$84 million in 2003 (A$104 million EBIT profit in 2003 before one-off adjustments). Aristocrat is well placed to grow its sales revenue through its ongoing premium product focus, particularly in mature gaming markets such as Australia where revenues are reliant on replacement sales, and its focus on development of its participation revenue base. Unit sales growth in the U.S. market should also benefit from Aristocrat's position as a licensed supplier to all key gaming jurisdictions in the U.S. Japan will continue to be a volatile market for Aristocrat with the success of new game launches key to this business unit's contribution to group performance.

Improved working capital management and a disciplined attitude to capital expenditure have facilitated a progressive reduction in Aristocrats debt, which was A$166.4 million on Dec. 31, 2004. The financial structure is further strengthened by the company's significant cash holdings of A$286 million, which underpins Aristocrats capacity to fund some further capital expenditure in growing overseas operations and its announced A$100 million capital return and share buyback program without jeopardizing the rating.

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