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Responsible Gambling Trust appointed as a beneficiary of the International Gaming Awards 2013

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that it has been appointed as a charitable beneficiary of the International Gaming Awards 2013 (IGA), which takes place in London on 4 February.

Speaking today, Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, explained:

“The Responsible Gambling Trust is proudly recognised as the leading charitable organisation committed to minimising problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain. Since April 2009, the gambling industry has donated over £17million to fund our front-line services and I am delighted that two of IGA’s sponsors – PokerStars and the Ritz Club London - have already made a contribution to us for 2012/13. Through our continued association with IGA, we hope to reach out to all global land-based and online gaming organisations attending the event in a bid to raise additional funds for and awareness of our work.”

Colin Thompson, Co-Founder of IGA, added:

“The International Gaming Awards 2013 continues to be supported and enhanced by well renowned industry insiders and clients representing all tiers of the gaming world. Through our on-going affiliation with the Responsible Gambling Trust, we hope that even more organisations will be encouraged to support the charity’s vital work and help make IGA 2013 the gambling industry’s most successful charity fundraising event of the year.”

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- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity committed to minimising problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain through effective education and prevention techniques, which stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensuring that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).
- The Responsible Gambling Trust commissions research, education and treatment services as prioritised in a national responsible gambling strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The evidence-based strategy will be a three-year rolling strategy that will be developed in a collaborative, open manner between the RGSB and Responsible Gambling Trust.
- In August 2012, a 'governance and assurance framework' was published describing the new arrangements for prioritising, commissioning, funding and evaluating research, education and treatment (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/PDFs/statementofintent.pdf).
- The 6th International Gaming Awards, managed by Clever Duck Media, will take place on 4 February 2013 at The Brewery, 52 Chiswell Street, London, EC1Y 4SD (www.gaming-awards.com).