



## NIGC Approves Management Contract for Wilton Rancheria

**WASHINGTON, DC November 02, 2018** – The NIGC Chairman has approved a management contract for Wilton Rancheria on October 31, 2018. The approved agreement is between Wilton Rancheria, California and BGM Co. Inc. d/b/a BGM Group Co. Inc. IGRA requires the NIGC Chair approval of management contracts as a means of protecting tribes such as ensuring tribes are the primary beneficiaries of their gaming operations.

This agreement culminates over a 13-year process for tribal restoration, getting land-into-trust, receiving environmental impact statement and gaming compact approvals. This agreement will help the Wilton Rancheria Tribe enter tribal gaming in a highly competitive area.

“Approving this management contract does so much more than create a business partnership between Wilton Rancheria and Boyd Gaming,” said NIGC Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri. “This management contract supports the tribe’s efforts to better their community in many ways ranging from investing in schools to providing medical support for their people. This management contract encompasses the spirit of what IGRA was created to do – maintaining that tribes are the primary beneficiaries of their gaming operations.”

“We are humbled and grateful to receive this approval, as we reflect on the positive impacts the National Indian Gaming Act has had for Tribes across the country,” said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Raymond C. Hitchcock. “We thank the Commission and Chairman Chaudhuri for their leadership and efforts as our Tribe continues its path forward to achieve self-sufficiency for our people.” – Raymond “Chuckie” Hitchcock, Tribal Chairman Wilton Rancheria.

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*The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. The Commission’s dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the growing \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*