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H.K. Stanley, President Machal, LLC PO Box 11887 Alexandria, LA 71315 Fax (318) 427-1898

Re: Approval of Management Agreement

Dear Tribal Chief Smith and Mr. Stanley:

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the Management Agreement (the "Contract"), dated November 28, 2011, between The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (the "Tribe") and Machal, LLC (the "Manager", formerly Machal, Inc).

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and National Indian Gaming Commission regulations require that the NIGC Chair approve management contracts for gaming operations on Indian lands. Accordingly, you submitted the Contract as required by IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2711, and NIGC regulations, 25 C.F.R. Part 531. The Contract and other information submitted satisfy the standards of 25 C.F.R. Parts 531, 533 and 537.

In approving this Contract, I am relying on the parties' compliance with their commitments and applicable laws. The Manager will need to submit the General Manager's background investigation application, making sure that the Commission has enough time to complete its investigation prior to the General Manager assuming any management responsibilities under the Contract. The parties will also need to submit any changes to the Management Agreement, including the naming of a general manager, for the Chair's approval pursuant to 25 C.F.R § 535.1.

Should you have any questions concerning this approval, please call us at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely,

Tracie Stevens Chairwoman

cc: Julie R. Wilkerson, Fax Only (318) 992-8244 Zeke Fletcher, Fax Only (517) 913-6443

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