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Subject: Item 9(a) - Scratchers[®] Game Profiles for Games 561, 563,

564, 565, and 566

ISSUE

Should the California State Lottery Commission (Commission) approve Game Profiles for Scratchers Games 561, 563, 564, 565, and 566?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Game Profiles for Scratchers Games 561, 563, 564, 565, and 566.

BACKGROUND

The Scratchers Games are scheduled to launch in August and September 2008.

DISCUSSION

Scratchers Game 561 - Lemon Twist

Staff recommends this summer-thirst-quenching \$1 Scratcher with a Tic-Tac-Toe playstyle. When players reveal three matching symbols in a row, column, or diagonal line, they win the prize presented in the Prize Box. In addition, if three lemon symbols are revealed, players win the "Twist Prize", either \$4, \$6, \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100. The top prize is \$500 and the overall odds of winning are 1 in 5.35.

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Scratchers Game 563 - Super 888

Eight is regarded as a number of good fortune and wealth, a belief that transcends cultural boundaries. Staff recommends an eight-themed \$2 game to promote the auspicious once-in-a-millennium date of 08-08-08. With a Key Number Match playstyle and ten chances to win, players also have increased chances to win prizes from \$8 to \$88. This game is funded with over \$18 million in cash prizes and offers an \$8,000 top prize. The overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 4.31.

<u>Scratchers Game 564 – Double Doubler</u>

For this \$1 game, Staff recommends a new Match 3 playstyle with a specific variant. If players reveal three matching prizes, they win that prize. In addition, if a "Single", "Double", or "Double Doubler" is revealed in the "Bonus Area", the prize revealed either remains the same, is doubled or quadrupled accordingly, as described in the prize legend. This game offers a top prize of \$2,000 with overall odds of winning at 1 in 5.38.

Scratchers Game 565 – TBD

This \$2 game features the riches of gold with a Key Symbol Match playstyle. Players have ten chances on each ticket to reveal gold bar symbols. Depending on the amount of bars revealed, players win a prize according to the prize legend. In addition, if a different specified symbol is revealed, players automatically win \$50. Playing on the gold karat theme, the top prize for this game is \$14,000 and the overall odds of winning are 1 in 4.87.

Scratchers Game 566 – Diamond Mine

Staff recommends the introduction of a new extended play \$3 game, Diamond Mine. Utilizing gem-inspired graphics and a Key Number Match playstyle, this game offers three different diamond-shaped play areas in which to match numbers in a row. Each row specifies a prize amount ranging from a free ticket to a top prize of \$25,000. The overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 3.94.