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Statement on Filing for a Six-Month Extension by Governor Walker to Further Study the Proposed Menominee-Hard Rock Casino & Hotel in Kenosha

"The Menominee and Hard Rock team continues to work with Governor Scott Walker and Secretary Mike Huebsch to bring the decision-making process to a logical conclusion – approval for the Kenosha casino project.

"The Menominee-Hard Rock team met on Thursday, February 27 with Secretary Huebsch and his staff, and Dykema Gossett and Nathan & Associates, to determine the path forward on reaching a decision. It was a very cordial and effective meeting, and as such, Laurie Boivin, Chairwoman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, co-signed a letter with Governor Walker that asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs to grant the state an extension of 180 days to decide on approval of the Kenosha casino. Previously, the Menominee Tribal Legislature voted to concur with an extension.

"The additional time will permit Dykema and Nathan & Associates the time they say they need to analyze the project and provide Governor Walker with an independent report so that he may make an informed decision in the best interests of the state.

"The Menominee-Hard Rock team believes the ultimate analysis will demonstrate that the Kenosha casino will provide significant benefits to the state in the form of a large-scale construction project, increased payments to the state, the creation of thousands of new jobs on the Wisconsin side of the border with Illinois, and new income to help the Menominee along the path of self-determination."

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After nine years of deliberation, in August 2013 the Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the application of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to open a casino at the former Dairyland Greyhound Track in Kenosha, WI. The Menominee partnered with Hard Rock

International to develop and operate the facility. After earning approval from the majority of Wisconsin Indian tribes and gaining widespread, bipartisan local support in SE Wisconsin, the Menominee await approval from Governor Scott Walker.

To learn more about how the Menominee plan to invest in their future, please visit www.casinokenosha.com. Also visit the Menominee's YouTube Channel, "Menominee Voices," at http://bit.ly/1hawCyg and on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/CasinoKenosha).