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FSIN Pleased with Approval for the Swift Current Casino

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004 – FSIN Chief Alphonse Bird is pleased with the agreement to move forward on the File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council casino, to be operated by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) in the city of Swift Current.

The FSIN submitted a request to license the casino in 2004 after receiving a proposal from the File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council to build a casino in the city of Swift Current. The city of Swift Current has voted in favour of establishing a SIGA casino.

Chief Bird stated, “We certainly are pleased this project is moving forward. This venture is a demonstration of First Nations and non-First Nations working together to create economic development in the province of Saskatchewan. Not only will this create employment it also creates revenue generation which again benefits everyone in the province. This is just one of many economic development ventures to be pursued in this area and surely will build on social relations”

SIGA was established in 1996 to create First Nations employment, develop First Nations management expertise, utilize First Nations capital assets and provide positive cash flow for First Nations. Currently SIGA employs over 1100 people throughout Saskatchewan.

File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Chief Dean Bellegarde stated, “This is truly an exciting day for the File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council, First Nations and the province of Saskatchewan. With the approval of a casino license we can now move forward and break new ground on an important partnership and economic development initiative that will provide opportunities for generations”.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of Treaties that were made more than a century ago.

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