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Announcement from Patti Hart

Executive Communications January 2, 2015

Team,

I'm pleased to share the exciting news that we have reached another key milestone in our merger agreement with GTECH. We have scheduled a special meeting of IGT shareholders to vote on the merger agreement on February 10, 2015. Today's press release is attached for your information.

As many of you are IGT shareholders, the IGT Board of Directors and Executive team strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to vote early and **IN FAVOR** of the agreement to express your support as the combined IGT/GTECH entity would:

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- Create the world's leading end-to-end gaming solutions provider with significant positions across all segments;
- Enhance global scale with a diversified product portfolio and geographic mix;
- Strengthen our industry-leading R&D effort; and
- Achieve superior financial strength with over \$6B* in revenues and more than \$2B* in EBITDA.

If you are a shareholder as of the close of business on January 2, 2015, you will be entitled to vote on the merger agreement either by telephone, Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the card enclosed with your proxy statement/prospectus.

Your support and focus are greatly appreciated as we continue to lead and transform gaming entertainment.

With gratitude,

Patti

*Combined results based IFRS for GTECH and US GAAP for IGT 2013; /\$ rate 1:36

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Georgia Worldwide PLC, a newly formed holding company (NewCo), has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-4 (File No. 333-199096), which was declared effective on January 2, 2015. The registration statement includes a proxy statement of IGT that also constitutes a prospectus of NewCo (the proxy statement/prospectus), which is expected to be mailed to IGT stockholders on or about January 7, 2015. INVESTORS AND SECURITYHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT IGT, GTECH, NEWCO, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and securityholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and securityholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC on IGT's website at IGT.com within the Investor Relations section or by contacting Investor Relations at 866-296-4232 (for documents filed with the SEC by IGT) or on GTECH's website at gtech.com or by contacting Corporate Communications at 401-392-7452 (for documents filed with the SEC by NewCo).

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(LAS VEGAS January 2, 2015) International Game Technology (IGT) announced today that a special meeting of its shareholders has been scheduled to, among other things, consider and vote on a proposal to approve the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) by and among the Company GTECH S.p.A., a joint stock company organized under the laws of Italy (GTECH), GTECH Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Gold US Sub), Georgia Worldwide PLC, a public limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales (Holdco) and Georgia Worldwide Corporation, a Nevada corporation (Sub), with IGT becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Holdco upon consummation of the merger.

The special meeting will be held on February 10, 2015. IGT shareholders as of the close of business on January 2, 2015, the record date for the special meeting, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting.

The merger is subject to certain closing conditions, including the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of IGT 's common stock and the receipt of required gaming approvals.

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