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Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Year-End Results for 2009

GOLDEN, Colorado – Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. (“JEI”), an owner and operator of multiple gaming properties, today announced financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2009.

Net revenues for the fourth quarter of 2009 were \$75.2 million compared to \$81.6 million in the fourth quarter of the previous year. Net loss for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$4.8 million compared to a net loss of \$2.8 million in the same quarter of the previous year.

Net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$313.4 million compared to \$363.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$1.7 million compared to net a net loss of \$4.0 million for the previous year.

Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. will host a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter and year-end operating results. The conference call will be held at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 26, 2010, and will be hosted by Stephen R. Roark, President of Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. and Ian M. Stewart, President of Pari-Mutuel Wagering Operations, along with other members of the JEI management team.

To participate in the JEI conference call on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, please dial (866) 223-7781 and a live operator will put you through. Please call 5-7 minutes before the call is to begin.

If you are unable to join the JEI conference call, you may access a replay of the call starting Friday, March 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. To access the replay, please dial (800) 408-3053 and reference the confirmation code 4655086. The replay will run until midnight Eastern Time, Friday April 2, 2010.

About Jacobs Entertainment

Based in Golden, CO, Jacobs Entertainment is the owner and operator of The Lodge Casino at Black Hawk and the Gilpin Casino, both located in Black Hawk, Colorado; the Gold Dust West-Reno Casino in Reno, Nevada; the Gold Dust West-Carson City Casino in Carson City, Nevada; the Gold Dust West-Elko Casino in Elko, Nevada (the casino properties); Colonial Downs Racetrack in Virginia and eight related off-track wagering facilities located in Virginia; and 18 truck plaza video gaming facilities located in Louisiana with a share in the gaming revenues of an additional truck plaza located in Louisiana.

Our business and financial performance are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that might adversely affect our operating results in the future in a material way, such as the intensity of competition, our ability to meet debt obligations, regulatory compliance, taxation levels, effects of national and regional economic and market conditions, labor and marketing costs, success of our diversification plan and the successful integration of our operations.

JACOBS ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(dollars in thousands)

SELECTED INCOME STATEMENT DATA

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues:				
Total revenues	\$83,131	\$89,604	\$347,663	\$396,904
Promotional allowances	(7,967)	(7,978)	(34,301)	(33,718)
Net revenues	75,164	81,626	313,362	363,186
Costs and expenses	(73,753)	(77,713)	(286,487)	(339,965)
Operating income	1,411	3,913	26,875	23,221
Interest expense, net	(6,262)	(6,719)	(25,170)	(27,258)
Net (loss) income	\$(4,851)	\$(2,806)	\$1,705	\$(4,037)

SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA

	December 31, <u>2009</u>	December 31, <u>2008</u>
Total assets	\$340,649	\$344,477
Total liabilities	\$315,916	\$318,941
Stockholder's equity	\$24,733	\$35,536

EBITDA represents earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and is a non-GAAP financial measure that management believes is useful because it allows holders of our debt and management to evaluate and compare the Company's operating results from

continuing operations from period to period in a meaningful and consistent manner in addition to standard GAAP financial measures. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA plus expenses that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operations and that could result in comparison distortions. Management internally evaluates the performance of its segments using EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA measures as do most analysts following the gaming industry. EBITDA is also a key component of certain financial covenants in the Company's debt agreements. This information should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance as promulgated under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, such as net income (loss), nor should it be considered as an indicator of our overall financial performance. Our calculation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA may be different from the calculation used by other companies and comparability may be limited.

EBITDA and ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION
(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net income (loss) as reported above	\$(4,851)	\$(2,806)	\$1,705	\$(4,037)
Add:				
Interest expense, net	6,262	6,719	25,170	27,258
Depreciation and amortization	5,563	5,170	21,485	20,109
EBITDA	<u>\$6,974</u>	<u>\$9,083</u>	<u>\$48,357</u>	<u>\$43,330</u>
(Gain) loss on equity securities	1,432	2,514	309	6,577
Amendment 50 campaign costs	0	291	0	1,371
Goodwill Impairment – Carson City		0	0	199
Issue 3 (Ohio) campaign costs	1,877	0	2,285	0
Abandonment Costs – OTB closure	0	829	0	829
ADJUSTED EBITDA	<u>\$10,283</u>	<u>\$12,717</u>	<u>\$50,951</u>	<u>\$52,306</u>

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