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The Honorable Christine Norris  
Tribal Chief  
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians  
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The Honorable James Williams, Jr.  
Tribal Chairman  
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**RE: Development and Financing Agreement between the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians  
and Machal, Inc. and related documents**

Dear Chief Norris, Chairman Williams and Mr. Stanley:

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Office of General Counsel reviewed the draft Development and Finance Agreement and related documents between the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (Tribe) and Machal, Inc. (Machal), dated February 2008. The draft agreements revise the Development and Finance Agreement and related documents dated April 27, 2007. You have also withdrawn the Springing Consulting Agreement between the Tribe and Machal, dated April 26, 2007. The new drafts reflect changes made as a result of our comments provided to you in our November 6, 2007 letter.

The purpose of our review is to determine whether these Agreements are management contracts or collateral agreements to a management contract and therefore subject to the NIGC Chairman's review and approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA"). We conclude that the submitted documents are agreements collateral to the Tribe's Management Agreement with Machal that must be submitted for the NIGC Chairman's for review. The Agreements as revised do not, however, require the Chairman's approval.

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We appreciate your cooperation on this matter and extend our best wishes to the Tribes in their venture. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact staff attorney Michael Hoenig at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny J. Coleman".

Penny J. Coleman  
Acting General Counsel