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### **Allen City Council Announces Minor League Hockey Team at Allen Event Center**

*Allen, TX (April 15, 2009)* - The Allen Event Center will be the home for a new Central Hockey League (CHL) team for the 2009-10 season following the recent approval from the Allen City Council on the team's lease. Ownership of the CHL team has been awarded to Top Shelf, LLC.

The Dallas-based owners and operators of Top Shelf, LLC, are Doug Miller and former NHL star Steve Duchesne. Miller is the chairman and chief executive officer of EXCO Resources, Inc., and has been a major contributor to youth hockey in the Dallas area for the past 17 years. Duchesne is a former NHL defenseman that ranks 17<sup>th</sup> on the NHL's all-time defensemen scoring list, winning the Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002.

"We are excited about the opportunity to be part of this outstanding community and the Allen Event Center. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for Allen and the surrounding communities, and to providing a quality product both on and off the ice," stated Duchesne, president of Top Shelf, LLC.

Mayor Stephen Terrell said, "With the construction of the Allen Event Center speeding toward completion, it is exciting to make this team announcement. The Allen team will benefit by an ownership group with deep ties to the area community and the sport of hockey. Further, the affiliation with the Dallas Stars is another perk that will work to benefit the start-up of our minor league hockey team."

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As the eighth active CHL franchise in Texas, the Allen hockey team will be an affiliate team of the Dallas Stars. Jeff Cogen, president of the Dallas Stars, explained that since the introduction of the salary cap, NHL teams must develop a funnel of young talent throughout the hockey development system.

Cogen said, “We believe that given the hockey experience the Top Shelf organization brings to the CHL, an affiliation with them will be strategic as one of the spokes of that player development strategy. We wish them great success in the undertaking, and look forward to working with them in developing future NHL Dallas Stars.”

Rick Kozuback, president of Global Entertainment, said, “The CHL is excited to announce the awarding of a new franchise for the 2009-10 hockey season to Top Shelf Hockey, LLC. The CHL and Global Entertainment Corporation believe this will be one of the league's marquis franchises which will bring quality family entertainment to the community and will become a sense of pride for the City of Allen.”

As anchor tenants of the Allen Event Center, the Allen hockey team will office on site at the facility upon its completion. In the meantime, temporary offices have been established in the Allen Event Center management headquarters located at 190 E. Stacy Rd., Suite 1314 (across from the event center construction site).

The Allen Event Center, scheduled to open November 5, will provide a variety of entertainment options, drawing visitors on a regional level from areas outside the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. As a venue for concerts, top touring shows, family entertainment and professional sports, the event center will host approximately 150 events each year, drawing more than 600,000 visitors annually.

The Allen Event Center will be part of The Village at Allen, one component of MGHerring's 3-million-square-foot regional, mixed-use development located in both Allen and Fairview, Texas, at the intersection of Stacy Road and US 75.

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Construction of the \$52.6 million event center began as a joint venture between the City of Allen, Global Entertainment Corporation (AMEX:GEE) and The MGHerring Group. While the City of Allen is the owner of the facility, management of the facility is contracted to Encore Facility Management, a subsidiary of Global Entertainment Corporation.

Global Entertainment Corporation is an integrated events and entertainment company. Through its wholly owned subsidiaries, it is involved in sports management and the development of multi-purpose event centers and related real estate entertainment districts. Global's hockey league division currently is a franchisor of hockey teams and operates the Central Hockey League. Other GEC subsidiaries include International Coliseums Company, Global Entertainment Marketing Systems, Global Entertainment Ticketing and Encore Facility Management.

Mayor Terrell said, "The Allen Event Center is a great example of a public/private partnership effort that will benefit the Allen community for years to come. Allen residents can enjoy quality entertainment without ever leaving home while the taxpayers benefit from the economic advantages of this type of attraction."

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**Additional information:**

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