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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**Responsible Gambling Trust issues invitation to tender to capture industry best practice in Responsible Gambling**

RGT has issued an invitation to tender (ITT) for one or more of three Responsible Gambling Industry Initiatives addressing product information messaging, play information messaging and staff training.

The aim of this research programme is to enhance industry-wide social responsibility practices, where a cooperative approach across operators would be beneficial.

The RGT will make up to £200,000 available to support these initiatives.

The ITT is available [here](#) on the RGT website and the closing date for applications is 26 April 2016.

Marc Etches, RGT's Chief Executive said:

"Industry collaboration will help drive a more rapid evolution in our understating of best practice in the important areas of product and play messaging as well as staff training. We are keen to draw on ideas to improve responsible gambling behaviour generated already by the 105,000 people employed in the gambling industry. Involving the industry through IGRG, also gives us confidence that recommendations are more likely to be adopted at sufficient scale to achieve a meaningful impact on reducing gambling-related harm."

John Hagan, Chair of the Industry Group for Responsible Gambling, said :

"IGRG has been working with operators across the gambling industry in recent months to develop a co-ordinated approach to the sharing and development of best practice in socially responsible product and play information messaging and in staff social responsibility training. We welcome the Responsible Gambling Trust's support for these initiatives and our members are keen to share the work they have already been doing across the industry as a whole".

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. The Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises over £6.5 million each year in voluntary contributions from the gambling industry operating in Great Britain. This donation based system was proposed under the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission in its Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust's programme of treatment, education, harm prevention and research are guided by the National Responsible Gambling Strategy, which is defined by the independent Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission.
- The [Industry Group For Responsible Gambling](#) (IGRG) is an industry body comprising the five trade associations which represent some 640 operators and 8,500 licensed premises across all sectors of the gambling industry:
  - [Association of British Bookmakers](#) (ABB)
  - [Bacta](#)
  - [The Bingo Association](#) (BA)
  - [National Casino Forum](#) (NCF)
  - [Remote Gambling Association](#) (RGA)