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New Jumer's Casino Development Proposed

In late January, Jumer's Casino Rock Island announced plans for a new casino development project. The project would be located on a 110 – acre plot at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Highway 92 and Interstate 280. Construction of the \$90 million project is expected to begin during 2004.

Construction of the new casino represents one of the largest development projects in the history of Rock Island. The project is anticipated to be completed in two phases. The first phase includes a 95,000 square foot one-story European themed structure including dining, gaming, and ancillary facilities with an adjacent parking structure. The second phase of the project will bring a hotel, theatre, retail, and additional space for dining.

The proposed location is adjacent to two major roadways, Hwy 92 and I-280. Approximately 40,000 vehicles intersect these roadways each; this is a significant increase when compared to the count of 13,000 vehicle crossings each day at the current Jumer's location in downtown Rock Island.

The Rock Island and surrounding Quad City region will benefit from the additional employment opportunities that will be created by this development. It is estimated that the construction phase will bring 250 workers to the site for an 18-month period. The development project will eventually create 300 to 400 new casino related permanent full time jobs.

While the project is moving forward, it remains conditional upon a number of factors that include the purchasing of the intended site, annexation of the site by the City of Rock Island, finalization of debt structure procurement, a completed development agreement with the city and regulatory approval of the Illinois Gaming Board.