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**Gioia Gaming Systems' Gene Gioia Nominated for
European Poker Awards' Innovator of the Year**

Denver-based inventor of online poker card dealing technology up for prestigious award

DENVER (Jan. 6, 2009) – Gene Gioia, founder and CEO of Gioia Gaming Systems, and the inventor of a new technology that deals real cards for online poker, is a finalist for the eighth annual European Poker Awards. Gioia's real deal poker system, featuring the Cut N' Shuffle® and Game Check™ products, is nominated for the Rob Gardner "Innovator of the Year" Award.

The judging and presentations will take place at the Aviation Club de France in Paris on Jan. 15 during the Euro Finals of Poker series.

Gioia Gaming Systems is positioned to make what it feels will be a revolutionary impact on online gaming. The company's gaming technology allows online poker players to play and cut a real deck of cards rather than playing with "Random Number Generators" (the primary technology currently used for online gaming). The system can shuffle and deal continuously and transmit decks directly to computer servers to manage thousands of games simultaneously. Every game is certified and can be audited by any third Party Agency.

Extensive survey data show there is a significant amount of distrust among players when it comes to internet poker. Earlier this year, trust in online gaming was severely compromised when internet poker site Ultimate Bet was investigated for a scam that involved the ability for "superuser" account holders to see other players' hole cards. The scam was estimated to cost Ultimate Bet players \$6.1 million.

The Real Deal Poker system is designed to ensure fairness in online gaming by providing an auditable game result. The system's features include:

- Every online poker game is played with a unique deck from a fully automated real card dealing system
- Separate digital and video records are maintained for every deck that the automated dealer processes
- The player with the dealer button has the option to cut the deck immediately prior to every game
- Game results are certified by a proprietary system independent from the deck used

- The system provides a complete audit trail for any independent third party auditing agency and removes any doubt about the outcome of a game
- The system provides gaming authorities with substantially enhanced assurances of fairness
- Game pace is not compromised with no significant change
- Using real cards produces truly random results.

Without the ability to provide an honest and trustworthy system, the push to legalize online poker in the United States continues to be threatened. The gaming industry has made strides in addressing key issues such as underage gaming, location and problem gambling, but addressing fairness has been an ongoing challenge.

Gioia Gaming Systems is dedicated to ensuring the fairness and integrity of online and electronic gaming, striving for a legal, fair gaming experience in a well-organized, global environment for players of all ability levels. The Denver-based company intends to revolutionize online poker with patented systems and technology. For more information, visit www.gioiasystems.com.

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