



MPEL Provides an Update of Construction Progress and Financing at City of Dreams

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NEW YORK, Oct. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Melco Crown Entertainment Limited (Nasdaq: MPEL) ("MPEL"), seeks to update the status of progress at City of Dreams, its flagship integrated casino hotel resort development in Macau, in response to recent turbulence in global financial market conditions and certain press reports.

City of Dreams remains fully on target to open to the public during the first half of 2009. Construction activity will be maintained at maximum capacity through the end of 2008 to deliver the construction timetable to completion. Our projected budget for phases one and two of City of Dreams also remains unchanged.

Full financing is in place to complete the first and second phases of development at City of Dreams. MPEL currently has over US\$1.1 billion cash on hand, having successfully drawn down approximately US\$663 million in the past month under its US\$1.75 billion senior secured facilities. Subject to satisfaction of the relevant conditions precedent, a further US\$570 million remains available for drawdown under the existing loan facilities as required to meet any future financing needs for the completion of the first two phases of development of City of Dreams.

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About Melco Crown Entertainment Limited

MPEL is a developer, owner and, through its sub-concession holding company, an operator of casino gaming and entertainment casino resort facilities in Macau. Its first property, Crown Macau (www.crown-macau.com), opened in 2007. Other development projects include City of Dreams, an integrated urban casino resort located in Cotai, Macau. MPEL's business also includes the Mocha Clubs (www.mochaclubs.com), which feature a total of approximately 1,100 gaming machines and comprise the largest non-casino based operations of electronic gaming machines in Macau. MPEL has entered into an agreement, subject to certain conditions, to acquire a third development site on the Macau Peninsula. For more information about MPEL, please visit www.melco-crown.com.

MPEL has strong support from both of its major shareholders, Melco International Development Limited ("Melco") and Crown Limited ("Crown"). Melco is a listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and is substantially owned and led by Mr. Lawrence Ho, who is Co-Chairman and the CEO of MPEL. Crown is a top-50 company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and led by Executive Chairman James Packer, who is also Co-Chairman and a Director of MPEL.

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