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Half-yearly report 2009 filing announcement; Guatemala update

Thunderbird Resorts Inc. ("Thunderbird" or "Group") (NYSE Euronext Amsterdam: TBIRD and FSE: 4TR) announces that the Group's Half-yearly report 2009 has been filed with the Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext ("Euronext Amsterdam") and the Netherlands Authority for Financial Markets ("AFM") on Wednesday, 26 August 2009 as well as on SEDAR in Canada.

Document Availability

Copies of the Half-yearly report 2009 in the English language are available at no cost at the Group's operational office in Panama and at the offices of our local paying agent ING Bank N.V., van Heenvlietlaan 220, 1083 CN Amsterdam, the Netherlands (tel: +31 20 7979 398, fax: +31 20 7979 607, email: iss.pas@mail.ing.nl) and they are available on the Group's website at www.thunderbirdresorts.com. Copies are also available on SEDAR at www.SEDAR.com and on the Euronext Amsterdam at www.euronext.com.

Half-yearly report 2009 Conference Call

The Group will host a public conference call on Thursday, 27 August 2009 at 10:00 a.m. eastern time to discuss the financial results, followed by a question and answer session. U.S. and Canadian callers can call (866) 393-4520. International callers can call (660) 422-4768. The conference code for all callers is 25892988. You are also invited to listen through a webcast. The registration page is:

<http://event.meetingstream.com/r.htm?e=160396&s=1&k=DCCD874D4C996E25AC5FF13403D4FC2C>

Update on Guatemala

In August of 2009, our two remaining properties in Guatemala operated by our local subsidiaries, Fiesta Intercontinental Guatemala and Video Suerte Mazatenango, were temporarily closed for 17 days and 22 days, respectively, due to a declaration statement made by the Deputy in charge of the Commission for Transparency in Guatemala which called into question the legitimacy of "video lottery" operations. The Deputy's declaration resulted in inquiries into existing video lottery operations throughout the country to determine if the operations are prohibited. We successfully challenged the Deputy's declaration and the inquiry by the Ministry of Public Defense and these properties were reopened by order of the local courts with Intercontinental Guatemala opening on 20 August 2009 and Video Suerte Mazatenango opening on 25 August 2009.

ABOUT THE GROUP

We are an international provider of branded casino and hospitality services, focused on markets in Central and South America, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and India. Our mission is to "create extraordinary experiences for our guests." Additional information about the Group is available on its World Wide Web site at www.thunderbirdresorts.com.

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