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The Manager
Company Notices Section
ASX Limited
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Dear Sir/Madam

DREAMWORLD RIDE INCIDENT UPDATE

Ardent Leisure Group (ASX: AAD) today provides an update on the tragic event of Tuesday 25 October 2016 that occurred on the Dreamworld Thunder River Rapid ride resulting in four fatalities.

Dreamworld has reached out to the families through the police liaison officer to offer their unwavering support. Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt thoughts remain with the families and loved ones of the victims, the first responders on the scene, guests who were at the park and the Dreamworld staff.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the tragic circumstances and extraordinary loss of family for their children.

In support of the guests and staff present at the time, we have established a program of grief counselling with Queensland Health and the Australian Red Cross. Red Cross are working directly with the affected families as well as providing counselling and support for grieving community members, paying their respects at the park entry. Professional counsellors are also on site supporting staff and they will remain in the park for the foreseeable future.

Confirmation of Ride Safety Certification

Park safety is our priority. Dreamworld would like to assure the public and our guests that at the time of the incident the park was fully compliant with all required safety certifications. The Thunder River Rapids ride had completed its annual mechanical and structural safety engineering inspection on 29 September 2016.

As per regulations, this safety audit was conducted by a specialist external engineering firm. Details of this external audit will be provided to the Coroner and workplace safety investigators.

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Our safety procedures have been endorsed by Mr. David Randall, Managing Director of DRA Safety Specialists.

Mr. Randall said, "In my capacity as a Safety Professional, I have been involved with Ardent Leisure conducting safety audits against the National Audit Tool over a period of the last six years.

"Dreamworld under the leadership of Craig Davidson, the CEO has demonstrated a commitment to developing and maintaining a strong safety culture across all departments. Annual audits have resulted in continuous improvement in the management of safety.

"A number of consultancy visits to assist in the implementation have been undertaken and include regular training programs with the Senior Leadership Team which have kept them abreast of legislative requirements and changes," Mr. Randall said.

Memorial Re-Opening on Friday 28 October 2016

In partnership with the Australian Red Cross, Dreamworld will be hosting a Memorial Day on Friday, 28 October 2016.

We hope this will be considered the start of the healing process for our staff, our community and our guests. Earlier on Friday, 28th October 2016, a private ceremony will be held for Dreamworld staff, friends and emergency services who have worked side by side through this extremely difficult time.

The Theme Park will open at 11.00am and all proceeds from the day will go to the Australian Red Cross to support their continued community focused activities.

The Memorial Day activities will be limited to smaller rides, animal attractions, and the water park. Australian Red Cross volunteers will be available throughout the day and we hope other local religious leaders will attend. Further details regarding the Memorial Day will be released in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Alan Shedden
Company Secretary

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