

MGM MIRAGE Announces Preliminary Fourth Quarter Results

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MGM MIRAGE (NYSE: MGG) today announced that it anticipates fourth quarter earnings per share to be below the average estimate from analysts polled by First Call Corp. as a result of ongoing weakness in the U.S. economy and its continued impact on high-end domestic customers as well as a lower table games hold percentage over the late-December holiday period as compared to the prior year. Management expects earnings per share on an operating basis for the 2002 fourth quarter to be in the 24 cents to 27 cents range compared with 18 cents per share in the prior year's quarter.

Notwithstanding the fourth quarter operating results, the Company expects operating cash flow ("EBITDA") and earnings per share on an operating basis to increase approximately 7% and 35%, respectively for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 when compared with the prior year. During 2002, the Company utilized its significant free cash flow to reduce debt by approximately \$313 million, repurchase 6.4 million shares at a total cost of approximately \$208 million and invest over \$250 million on new growth opportunities and enhancement of its existing resorts. The Company has approximately 1.3 million shares remaining under its current 10 million share repurchase program.

The Company expects to report its results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2002 on January 28, 2003.

MGM MIRAGE is one of the world's leading and most respected entertainment, hotel and gaming companies that owns and operates 15 casino properties located in Nevada, Mississippi and Michigan. The company is headquartered in Las Vegas, Nev. and offers an unmatched collection of resort-casinos with a limitless range of choices for guests. Guest satisfaction is paramount, and the company has approximately 43,000 employees committed to that result. Its portfolio of brands include two-time AAA Five Diamond award-winner Bellagio, the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino - The City of Entertainment, The Mirage, Treasure Island, New York - New York Hotel and Casino, the Boardwalk

Hotel and Casino and 50 percent of Monte Carlo, all located on the Las Vegas Strip; the Golden Nugget in Downtown Las Vegas; Whiskey Pete's, Buffalo Bill's, the Primm Valley Resort and two championship golf courses at the California/Nevada state line; the exclusive Shadow Creek golf course in North Las Vegas; the Golden Nugget in Laughlin, Nevada; the Beau Rivage resort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and the MGM Grand Detroit Casino in Detroit, Michigan. The Company is also a joint venture partner in Borgata at Renaissance Pointe, a \$1 billion destination resort-casino under development in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Borgata is scheduled to open summer 2003. Internationally, MGM MIRAGE owns and operates the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Darwin, Australia. For more information about MGM MIRAGE, please visit the company's website at www.mgmmirage.com.

Statements in this release which are not historical facts are "forward looking" statements and "safe harbor statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve risks and/or uncertainties, including risks and/or uncertainties as described in the company's public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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