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**October 24, 2005****Safety Alert For Immediate Release****The Electrical Safety Authority and Intertek Testing Services Identifies Potential Safety Issues With Skill Stop Machines Distributed By Trademark Poker**

Toronto, ON –The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) and Intertek Testing Services have identified safety issues associated with Skill Stop Machines distributed by Trademark Poker.

These machines do not meet Canadian safety standards for the following reasons:

1. A number of Skill Stop Machines that bear the Intertek certification mark cETL have been identified as only having a two-prong supply plug with no ground connection and may pose a shock hazard.
2. A number of Skill Stop Machines are also being sold with no recognized certification mark and have not been tested as required.

As a result of this situation, Intertek Testing Services suspended certification on Skill Stop Machines distributed by Trademark Poker on October 12, 2005. The suspended certification means Trademark Poker can no longer ship any cETL certified products to retailers in Ontario.

In addition, Intertek Testing Services is requiring that all Skill Stop Machines distributed by Trademark Poker be recalled to determine that these products are in compliance with the applicable safety standards.

The affected models have been sold through a number of retail outlets. The products in question were distributed:

1. under the generic model name Skill Stop Machines, with various names on the front of the machine, and a cETL certification label with File No 3077342 on the back of the machine.
2. under the generic model name Skill Stop Machines, with various names on the front of the machine, and no certification label on the back of the machine.

The Electrical Safety Authority encourages consumers to stop using Skill Stop Machines that do not have a three (3) prong power plug or do not have the cETL Mark, and to return these to the place of purchase. Retailers should contact Trademark Poker for information on steps they should take with existing and returned product.

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Att: pictures of Skill Stop Machine and cETL Mark (note – front name “Flush” varies from machine to machine, and both cETL labels are in the market)

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