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Island View Casino Resort to purchase site of Vrazel's Fine Food Restaurant

GULFPORT, Miss. (Oct. 11, 2012) – Island View Casino Resort officials today announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire property neighboring the Gulfport resort that currently serves as a location for Vrazel's Fine Food Restaurant. The sale is expected to close in December.

At the site, Island View plans to open a restaurant, which will complement the resort's amenities while offering a new dining experience to the Coast in the freestanding building.

Chef Bill Vrazel has owned and operated the popular Coast restaurant since 1986. "For more than two and half decades, my family and staff have been honored to serve the residents and guests of South Mississippi with an exceptional fine dining experience," said Vrazel. "However, the time has come for me to move forward to the next chapter in my life. I am grateful I can do so now, knowing that this location, which has true sentimental value to me and so many others, is in the hands of local residents with stellar experience in the food and beverage industry."

"We look forward to providing a new amenity for our Island View guests while continuing Vrazel's tradition of providing incredible food, an exceptional atmosphere and unparalleled hospitality," said Rick Carter, co-owner of the resort.

Carter expects to announce further plans for the new restaurant, as well information regarding new job opportunities, in early 2013.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 1,850 slots and 49 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar, an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.