

Gaming Associates acquire Compliance Testing Laboratory (CTL)

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Today Dr Aftab Rizvi, Managing Director Gaming Associates (**ga**), announced the acquisition of Compliance Testing Laboratory (CTL) the UK's first test-house to be accredited by the Gambling Commission. *"We are very pleased to announce the inclusion of CTL into the Associates Group of companies"*, Aftab said from Milan Italy where he is attending the European Interactive Gaming Conference (EiG).

This acquisition provides significant benefits to existing **ga** and CTL customers. **ga** customers are provided a permanent European office to support **ga**'s clients in the UK and throughout Europe. CTL customers are provided portable accreditation into European and global jurisdictions and Payment Card Industry (PCI) standard accreditations offered by **ga**.

Alan Pedley, CEO, speaking from a PCI conference in Phoenix Arizona added, *"Gambling companies and jurisdictions are starting to seek more from certification and information governance, no longer is the quickest, cheapest piece of paper the driving factor. The PCI accreditations that we are able to offer to CTL clients in conjunction with gambling test-house services make us a true one-stop certification provider with corresponding corporate savings. Previously, gaming certification was handled by one department and PCI by another but increasingly organisations are seeking a truly professional test-house to meet their all their corporate certification needs. **ga** and now CTL provide that quality of service."*

The integration of CTL into the Associates Group of companies which includes Gaming Associates and Risk Associates (**ra**) has commenced and will continue over the coming months to ensure the same standard of quality is provided worldwide with enhanced service and certification portability to UK and European customers. For the first time UK operators and vendors can have their gambling certifications credited toward PCI. The Associates Group provides PCI Qualified Security Assessor (QSA), Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV), and Payment Application Qualified Security Assessor (PA-QSA) services to gaming and financial institutions worldwide.

"This announcement coincides with EiG to underline the significance of the European online gambling industries and the importance the Group places on these sectors. CTL represents another phase of our continued growth in Europe", said Aftab. *"**ga** is presenting at an upcoming conference in Copenhagen alongside the Danish Gambling Authority and several other leading European experts. Any questions about our commitment to Europe should be truly dispelled"*, he said.

ga is represented at EiG, the Denmark Online Gambling Conference, and G2E. Any organisation seeking more information about how **ga**, CTL, or **ra** might assist with their gaming or PCI certification or compliance needs generally are encouraged to make an appointment via info@gamingassociates.com.

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