



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL ONLINE SELF-EXCLUSION SCHEME (NOSES): KPMG APPOINTED TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SCHEME**

**The Remote Gambling Association (RGA) announced today that it has retained the services of KPMG to (i) undertake a scoping study which will help to shape the development of NOSES; and (ii) to support and advise the RGA during the implementation process.**

In February this year the Gambling Commission wrote to all remote gambling licence holders to inform them that it had decided that the industry should now take forward the project to design, introduce and run a national online self-exclusion system. The aim of the project is to provide consumers with a single process whereby they can self-exclude themselves from all online gambling operators that are licensed by the Gambling Commission. The website will also set out other measures that are available to help people to manage their gambling and will signpost specialist advice and support services for those who might benefit from them.

Clive Hawkswood, Chief Executive of the RGA commented that: 'Self-exclusion can be a vitally important tool, especially for problem gamblers or those who are at risk of developing problems. Self-exclusions have long been offered on a company basis, but in terms of consumer protection it will be a huge step forward to have a single national scheme of the type envisaged by government and the Gambling Commission.'

Establishing a cross industry system of this kind raises a host of complex legal, technical, and governance issues. We are therefore delighted to have retained KPMG to help us successfully navigate our way through all of these details with a view to having everything in place before the end of 2017.'

Speaking on behalf of the Gambling Commission, Paul Hope (Programme Director) said: 'We are very pleased that the RGA is developing the scheme on behalf of the online sector. The Commission will work with the RGA to achieve our shared objective of a scheme that is focused on what works best for people that would benefit from using it.'

Micky Swindale, Director of KPMG Gibraltar, added 'KPMG are delighted to be working with the RGA on an important opportunity for the industry to work together to put in place a customer-focused, user-friendly system.'

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#### **Notes to editors**

**About the RGA:** The RGA is the trade association for the online gambling industry. Further information and a full list of its members can be found at [www.rga.eu.com](http://www.rga.eu.com).

**About KPMG:** KPMG is a leading provider of professional services including audit, tax and advisory. KPMG in the UK has over 11,000 partners and staff working in 22 offices across the UK. KPMG Isle of Man & Gibraltar has 125 staff working across two jurisdictions.

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