



## Press Release

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## GRAND OPENING OF DESERT DIAMOND CASINO WHITE TANKS SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 18

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise (TOGE) will hold a grand opening event for its fifth casino property, Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks at San Lucy on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024. This new facility is located near Loop 303 and Northern Parkway, west of Glendale. As part of the grand opening, TOGE will host several celebratory activities throughout the day for Tohono O’odham Nation citizens, dignitaries, and the public.

Mike Bean, CEO of the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise said, *“Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks is ideally positioned to serve as an economic engine for the fast-growing West Valley. This is the Nation’s fifth facility and the iconic Desert Diamond Casino brand is synonymous with unmatched entertainment experience and outstanding guest service. We look forward to creating positive new opportunities for the Tohono O’odham Nation, the West Valley, and Arizona.”*

Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks will create more than 1,000 new jobs. The facility features a 184,000 square-foot casino floor. Included will be 900 Class III slot machines, poker room, retail sportsbook, and table games including blackjack, roulette, and baccarat. The new facility will be home to multiple delectable restaurants options, including, a Starbucks coffee shop. Notably, Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks will be the only casino in Arizona to offer the amazing cuisine at the famed high-end restaurant Morton’s The Steakhouse.

Construction of the \$450 million project began in April 2023 and the Hunt/Penta Joint Venture served as the general contractor. More than 5,500 construction jobs were created over the past 19 months. JCJ Architecture led the design of the new facility, the interior of which evokes an elegant entertainment experience unequal in the area. Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks will eventually expand to include a hotel, conference center, an outdoor pool and recreational amenities, and an amphitheater with event lawn space.

Jacob Moore, Chairman of the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise Board said, *“Completion of the Nation’s fifth facility has been extraordinarily significant for the Tohono O’odham Nation. It would not have been possible without the leadership of the Tohono O’odham Nation, the support of our amazing team members and the efforts of the thousands of construction professionals on the project. We cannot wait to unveil this beautiful new facility to the community on December 18.”*

Desert Diamond Casino & Entertainment, with three locations in Southern Arizona (Tucson, Sahuarita, and Why) and two in the West Valley, is owned and operated by the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise, an enterprise of the Tohono O’odham Nation. Additional information can be found at [www.ddcaz.com](http://www.ddcaz.com) or by calling 833-DDC-2WIN. Updates on the new property will be shared on X (@DDCWestValley), Facebook (@DDCWestValley), and Instagram (@desertdiamondwestvalley).

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