

# ASIA PACIFIC POKER TOUR RELEASES SCHEDULES FOR 2016 MACAU MILLIONS AND MACAU POKER CUP 24

Each Main Event will feature a record guaranteed prize pool

MACAU, China – December 29, 2015 – The PokerStars.net-sponsored Asia Pacific Poker Tour (APPT), an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, today released the schedules for the 2016 Macau Millions and Macau Poker Cup (MPC) 24, which both take place at the 'PokerStars LIVE Macau'\* poker room.

APPT President Danny McDonagh said: "The APPT is entering a very significant tenth season. To celebrate this milestone we are excited to offer the biggest guaranteed prize pools in history for the Macau Millions and Macau Poker Cup."

### 2016 Macau Millions

After a one-year hiatus, the Pokerstars.net-sponsored Macau Millions returns from January 8-18, 2016. The HK\$3,000 Main Event will feature a HK\$3,000,000 guaranteed prize pool and is expected to be bigger than last year's record field of 1,804 entrants.

"The Main Event will run across six Day 1 flights condensed into three days," said Fred Leung, Senior Marketing & Business Development Manager for PokerStars Live Events, Asia. "A similar format to previous Macau Millions events will be applied, but each Day 1 will have two different tournament structures – a regular and a turbo variation. It's an exciting new take for this poker series, which has the potential to break its own record come January."

Also making its debut is the HK\$9,000 China Poker Championship. This event is closed to citizens of the People's Republic of China and is the first time PokerStars LIVE Macau will be hosting a country-specific tournament.

## Macau Poker Cup 24

The 24th instalment of the Pokerstars.net-sponsored Macau Poker Cup (MPC) commences after Chinese New Year, running from February 19 to March 6, 2016. The popular regional series will host 18 Official Asia Player of the Year events, including the legendary HK\$12,000 Red Dragon Main Event, which features a massive HK\$8 million guarantee.

Many MPC tournament favourites return, including the opening weekend's HK\$2,000 Deepstack NLH and HK\$6,000 Baby Dragon, which have HK\$200,000 and HK\$1 million prize pool guarantees



respectively, as well as the HK\$5,000 Megastack (HK\$500,000 GTD), HK\$20,000 NLH (HK\$1 million GTD), and HK\$80,000 High Roller.

New additions to the MPC24 schedule include the HK\$25,000 NLH and HK\$15,000 PLO, which take place on the second weekend of the poker festival. The MPC series holds a record in Macau for most unique players with 995 and organizers expect to surpass that figure at the next Red Dragon event.

For the complete schedules of both events, please visit: www.PokerStarsLIVEMacau.com.

\*All PokerStars LIVE Macau events are subject to regulatory approval

#### About the Asia Pacific Poker Tour

The Asia Pacific Poker Tour (APPT), sponsored by PokerStars.net, is the region's richest and most popular poker tour. Since 2007, the APPT has created a whole new dimension of poker in Asia Pacific, marking its emergence as a truly global sport.

The tour provides poker enthusiasts with the chance to test their skills against some of the world's best players in the most glamorous of Asia Pacific destinations.

The APPT is owned by Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA). Further information on the APPT is available online at <u>www.appt.com</u>.

#### About PokerStars.net

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