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PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NOTESDATE: 6 / 23 / 2004 TIME: 3:30 pm PROJECT TITLE: LES EIS for NMBETWEEN: Erica Valdez, Interim Executive Director OF: Economic Development Corporation of Lea CountyLOCATION: Hobbs, NM TELEPHONE No.: (505) 397-2039AND: Milton Gorden of ATL Team (the caller) TELEPHONE No.: (301) 515-6781**DISCUSSION:**Ms. Valdez was contacted to determine the potential socioeconomic impacts related to a casino/racetrack to be built in Hobbs, NM.This information is needed to help determine the cumulative impacts in Chapter 4 of the EIS.

Ms. Valdez stated that construction on the casino has already begun. Approximately 200 jobs are being created for construction. The casino will be completed by November 2004. The construction of the horse racetrack will be completed by Fall of 2005. The casino is expected to employ about 200 workers. The racetrack is expected to employ about 200 workers between September and December of each year. No estimates of impacts on the tax base are known at this time. A hotel and restaurant are also planned but will not be constructed for at least two more years. No employment estimates for the hotel and restaurant are known at this time.

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