

Rivers Casino Opens in Pittsburgh with Digital Recording from Synectics

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Synectic Systems, Inc. (Synectics), leading supplier of integrated surveillance and security systems for specialized vertical markets, including its award-winning Synergy™ video management software, has recently sold and installed an enterprise-class surveillance system at Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh, PA. Located across from Heinz Field along the Ohio River waterfront in Pittsburgh, Rivers Casino is a \$780 million 400,000 square foot facility with 120,000 square feet dedicated to the casino.

The casino and entertainment property includes 3,000 slot machines, four dining locations, lounges, unencumbered

access to the waterfront, sculptured landscaping, terraced dining and a 1,000 seat amphitheatre. The Rivers Casino is the second of two Bluhm Group Casino projects (the other at Riverwalk Casino in Mississippi) to install a digital recording system from Synectics. Future plans for the property include the development of additional entertainment and dining venues, a 300-room hotel and a multi-purpose event room to accommodate 2,500 guests. The new Synectics system met a short timeline for installation and received Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board approval in time for the grand opening of the casino in mid August

2009. Synectics recently became fully licensed as a manufacturer to support and enter secure surveillance areas in Pennsylvania gaming facilities.

Synectics was chosen by Rivers Casino for its turn key solution of analogue and digital gear, including the Synectics EX250 switch. The new system records 700 cameras using Synectics' internal 16 channel PCI-e encoders which enable up to 32 channels of 4 CIFs, 30 FPS recording per networked server, reducing the number of chassis needed and saving over 30% of rack space. The internal encoders also eliminate line cords reducing HVAC use and power

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consumption for a “greener” solution. Custom integration of the casino’s Micros point-of-sale system will enable enhanced functionality and add to the extensive feature set of Synectics’ Synergy video management platform.

“In casino surveillance rooms, the majority of our video reviews take place after an event has already happened on or around our property. With the Synectics system, the review process

is easy and effective and saves us countless man hours,” said Tom Quigley, Director of Surveillance for The Rivers Casino. “Whether we have to go 30 days, 7 days or several hours back to find an event, Synergy and the Synectics recording system make it easy and efficient for our users.

The system has the necessary tools to keep us proactive within our department and prevents complacency in our daily audits and activities.”

Synectics designs integrated end-to-end surveillance control systems for the world’s most demanding security environments. We excel at complex projects that require innovative tailored solutions with high reliability and flexibility, specifically for casinos, oil and gas, marine, public space, banking, transport and critical infrastructure applications.

With over 25 years of high security systems experience, field proven products, and expert support personnel in the UK, US, Europe, UAE and Singapore, Synectics offers its clients turnkey networked solutions for comprehensive protection and peace of mind.

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