

STATEMENT FOR 60 Minutes: Cheating scandals at AP and UB

Despite *60 Minutes* preference for innuendo and unsubstantiated rumor, the facts speak for themselves. These facts are:

1. Tokwiro Enterprises ENRG, the operator of the Absolute Poker and UltimateBet businesses, is properly registered as a proprietorship in Canada. Tokwiro's sole proprietor is Joseph Tokwiro Norton.
2. Tokwiro and its regulatory agency, the Kahnawake Gaming Commission, together with independent audit and investigative experts, have thoroughly investigated the cheating incidents at Absolute Poker and UltimateBet.
3. In the Absolute Poker incident, Tokwiro, on conclusion of the investigation, immediately fired the cheater, who had been a consultant to the company. In order to build a solid security foundation for Tokwiro, Mr. Norton then installed a completely new management team.
4. In the Absolute Poker incident, Tokwiro had to understand quickly how the cheating had occurred, and rectify the problem for the protection of all players. In return for agreeing not to prosecute the cheater, Tokwiro received a full account of exactly how the cheating was conducted. Tokwiro made this agreement so that it could repair the security hole immediately and begin to reimburse players. There was absolutely no other motivation for not pressing charges against the cheater.
5. The September 29th KGC interim report on the UltimateBet incident made it clear that the cheating began well before Tokwiro purchased the UltimateBet business, and that the cheating continued, concealed from the management team, for months after the company changed hands.
6. The KGC's interim report further concluded that all evidence pointed to one main perpetrator, Russell Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was never employed by Tokwiro or any of its companies. For a brief time in 2007, Mr. Hamilton had a relationship with Tokwiro whereby he would refer players from his corporate website to UltimateBet; but he was not an employee and had no responsibilities at UltimateBet. Mr. Hamilton gained the ability to cheat long before Tokwiro acquired UltimateBet in October 2006, and he continued to cheat players and the company after the acquisition.

Tokwiro Enterprises deeply regrets that cheaters took advantage of our customers and of our company. We also regret any damage this has done to the reputation of online poker as a whole. Nevertheless, our consciences rest easy because we have done the right thing in every instance: we vigorously investigated allegations of cheating, cooperated fully with our regulatory body, voluntarily reimbursed millions of dollars to affected players out of our own pockets, and established cutting-edge security systems that now make us the safest site in the industry.

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