

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )**

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Subject Company: Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

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This filing relates to the proposed acquisition of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. ( Harrah's ) by affiliates of Texas Pacific Group and Apollo Management L.P. (collectively, the Funds ) pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 19, 2006 by and among Hamlet Holdings LLC, Hamlet Merger Inc. and Harrah's. Each of Hamlet Holdings LLC and Hamlet Merger Inc. are affiliates of the Funds. The Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Harrah's on December 19, 2006 and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

The following communication was presented by Gary Loveman, Harrah's Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, to Harrah's corporate employees and senior employees in operations (either in person or by telecast) on December 19, 2006:

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About the Transaction

In connection with the proposed merger, Harrah's will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other documents filed by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The proxy statement and such other documents may also be obtained for free by directing such request to Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Investor Relations, 2100 Caesars Palace Drive, Palace Tower, Spa Level, Las Vegas, NV 89109, telephone: (702) 407-6381 or on the company's website at <http://investor.harrahs.com>.

Harrah's and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from its stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests Harrah's participants in the solicitation will be included in the proxy statement relating to the proposed merger when it becomes available.