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**Churchill Downs Incorporated Names Dr. Dana Stead
Equine Safety and Integrity Veterinarian**

LOUISVILLE, KY., (January 31, 2024) – Churchill Downs Incorporated (“CDI” or the “Company”) announced today that Dr. Dana Stead, DVM, has been named Equine Safety and Integrity Veterinarian for the Company. In this role, Dr. Stead will provide essential veterinarian support and oversight at all CDI-owned racetracks including the Company’s flagship Churchill Downs Racetrack in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Stead joins CDI’s Equine Medical Director Dr. William Farmer, DVM, in fulfilling a core commitment to equine safety at the Company’s Thoroughbred and Standardbred racetracks across the U.S.

“I am excited to be joining the team at Churchill Downs Incorporated in my role as Equine Safety & Integrity Veterinarian,” said Dr. Stead. “I look forward to working together with the horsemen and women across all of CDI’s properties and am dedicated to promoting and ensuring the well-being and safety of each of our equine and human athletes.”

Dr. Stead brings over 16 years of experience in equine veterinary medicine and a wealth of industry knowledge to the role. Prior to joining CDI, Dr. Stead was the owner and operator of his own veterinary practice and was the racing veterinarian for multiple California based racetracks including Santa Anita Park and Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. During that time, his responsibilities ranged from conducting pre-race examinations, emergency triage and serving as the racing veterinary supervisor for 25,000 races, with over 200,000 starters. Dr. Stead has also been a member of the Breeders’ Cup veterinary team for 14 of the last 15 international events. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Stead to our equine veterinary team,” said Bill Mudd, President and COO of CDI. “Dr. Stead will be instrumental to CDI’s commitment to equine safety at all of our racetracks and we look forward to his important contributions as we prepare for the 150th Kentucky Derby.”

Dr. Stead will begin his new role on February 5.

About Churchill Downs Incorporated

Churchill Downs Incorporated (“CDI” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: CHDN) has been creating extraordinary entertainment experiences for nearly 150 years, beginning with the Company’s most iconic and enduring asset, the Kentucky Derby. Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, CDI has expanded through the development of live and historical racing entertainment venues, the growth of the TwinSpires horse racing online wagering business and the operation and development of regional casino gaming properties. www.churchilldownsincorporated.com

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Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors, that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include the following: the occurrence of extraordinary events, such as terrorist attacks, public health threats, civil unrest, and inclement weather, including as a result of climate change; the effect of economic conditions on our consumers' confidence and discretionary spending or our access to credit, including the impact of inflation; additional or increased taxes and fees; the impact of any pandemics, epidemics, or outbreaks of infectious diseases, including the impact of any future developments related to COVID-19, and related economic matters on our results of operations, financial conditions and prospects; lack of confidence in the integrity of our core businesses or any deterioration in our reputation; loss of key or highly skilled personnel, as well as general disruptions in the general labor market; the impact of significant competition, and the expectation the competition levels will increase; changes in consumer preferences, attendance, wagering, and sponsorships; risks associated with equity investments, strategic alliances and other third-party agreements; inability to respond to rapid technological changes in a timely manner; concentration and evolution of slot machine and historical racing machine (HRM) manufacturing and other technology conditions that could impose additional costs; failure to enter into or maintain agreements with industry constituents, including horsemen and other racetracks; inability to successfully focus on market access and retail operations for our TwinSpires Sports and Casino business and effectively compete; online security risk, including cyber-security breaches, or loss or misuse of our stored information as a result of a breach including customers' personal information could lead to government enforcement actions or other litigations; reliance on our technology services and catastrophic events and system failures disrupting our operations; inability to identify, complete, or fully realize the benefits of our proposed acquisitions, divestitures, development of new venues or the expansion of existing facilities on time, on budget, or as planned; difficulty in integrating recent or future acquisitions into our operations; cost overruns and other uncertainties associated with the development of new venues and the expansion of existing facilities; general risks related to real estate ownership and significant expenditures, including risks related to environmental liabilities; personal injury litigation related to injuries occurring at our racetracks; compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or other similar laws and regulations, or applicable anti-money laundering regulations; payment-related risks, such as risk associated with fraudulent credit card or debit card use; work stoppages and labor problems; risks related to pending or future legal proceedings and other actions; highly regulated operations and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business; restrictions in our debt facilities limiting our flexibility to operate our business; failure to comply with the financial ratios and other covenants in our debt facilities and other indebtedness; increases to interest rates (due to inflation or otherwise), disruption in the credit markets or changes to our credit ratings may adversely affect our business; increase in our insurance costs, or inability to obtain similar insurance coverage in the future, and any inability to recover under our insurance policies for damages sustained at our properties in the event of inclement weather and casualty events; and other factors described under the heading “Risk Factors” in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.