House Spirits Grand Opening at PDX Airport

PORTLAND, Ore. – Last night, October 30, 2013; House Spirits Distillery held their official Grand Opening Celebration at the Portland Airport. House Spirits is a local, Oregon distillery that makes Aviation American Gin - appropriate that it is sold at the airport. Pictures of the event are available for download on the OLCC’s Flickr page.

This venture was made possible with much cooperation by House Spirits Distillery, the Port of Portland, and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. As part of their distillery liquor license (conveniently located on Distillery Row in SE Portland), House Spirits Distillery is able to have up to five additional locations. Their kiosk at the airport is located on concourse D, just past security so that travelers can purchase a bottle or two to take with them in their carry-on luggage on the plane to their final destination.

"Oregon is full of entrepreneurial spirit," says OLCC Commissioner, Pamela Weatherspoon. "We're becoming known as a leader in the nation for small distillers. House Spirits Distillery has found a niche at the airport with their Aviation American Gin, providing the airport customer with an opportunity to purchase the perfect last minute unique souvenir."

"We couldn't have been more excited to work with the Port of Portland and the OLCC to establish the first distillery at an airport," says Christian Krogstad, Co-owner/Founder House Spirits Distillery. "Our outlet in the Portland International Airport allows us to spread the word of Oregon Spirits to thousands of new customers each week."

Over 400 Oregon distilled spirits products account for 12% of the total distilled spirits sales in the state. OLCC distributed a net profit of $397 million to the state, cities and counties in the 2011-2013 biennium to support critical services in Oregon such as education, public safety, and health services.

For information on how to start your own craft distillery, visit OLCC’s webpage. Oregon distilled spirits sales make up 12% of the total spirits sales in the state.

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