

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND of an application by
CHRISTCHURCH
CASINOS LIMITED for
approval to temporarily
relocate its count room

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: P Chin (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
M M Lythe
P J Stanley
G L Reeves
M J Richardson

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DECISION

**ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE ITS COUNT ROOM**

Application

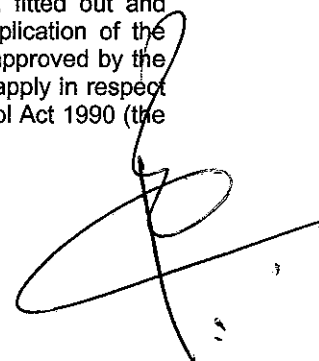
1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("**CCL**") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "**Commission**"), under condition 1 of its venue licence, for approval to temporarily relocate its count room.

Licence condition

2. Condition 1 of CCL's venue licence (as amended by the Commission by decision GC06/04) provides as follows:

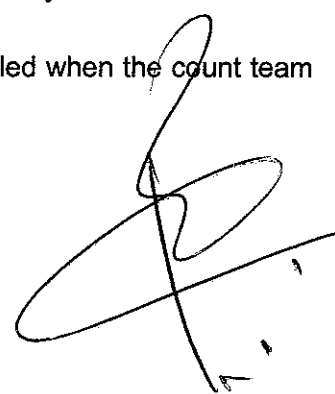
Casino premises to be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation in accordance with application

The casino premises shall be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation generally in accordance with the application of the licence holder or with such changes as may from time to time be approved by the Commission, provided however that nothing in this condition shall apply in respect of any matter specified in the second schedule to the Casino Control Act 1990 (the "**Act**").



Submissions by CCL

3. CCL stated that:
- (a) Since the Commission approved construction changes to the casino in decision GC06/08, its building contractors have advised that they will need to construct a support column, and place temporary supporting poles outside the casino's count room, in order to undertake work on the stairwell above the count room.
 - (b) The installation of these supporting structures will render the entrance corridors to the count room impassable to collection trolleys, and will result in the count room being unusable for approximately three weeks.
 - (c) As the count room will not be usable, it will need to count the casino's money elsewhere. It has identified the food and beverage count room on Level 4 as being suitable, with coins being counted in the cash transfer room in the casino's cage.
4. CCL submitted, in summary, that:
- (a) the food and beverage count room does not have all the security features of the existing count room, but it will be upgraded with additional security measures, including the installation of:
 - (i) additional cameras;
 - (ii) a secure grill over the window;
 - (iii) a microphone to hear the count process;
 - (iv) an appropriate access control system;
 - (b) a licensed officer, independent of the count team, will complete a sweep of the food and beverage count room immediately before and after the count team begin their work;
 - (c) all collection trolleys will be emptied as near as possible to the food and beverage count room, with full boxes taken inside and retained securely;
 - (d) entry to the food and beverage count room will be disabled when the count team are not present;

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- (e) at no time will any trolleys containing drop boxes or note stackers be left unattended. Trolleys with emptied drop boxes or note stackers will be stored securely in the lower basement;
- (f) a lockable storage room in the lower basement with restricted key access will be acquired.

Submissions by the Secretary

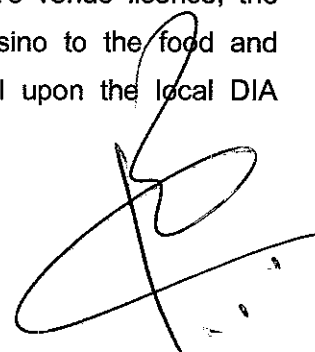
5. The Secretary submitted, in summary, that he was supportive of CCL's proposal, provided that:
- (a) the local inspectorate are satisfied that sound and camera coverage in the room is adequate;
 - (b) the local inspectorate are satisfied that the access system will allow surveillance to adequately monitor the room, as well as allow it to be sealed off effectively;
 - (c) the trolleys with note stackers or drop boxes will, at no time, be left unattended, except when securely stored (empty), or in the event of an emergency.

Analysis

6. CCL seeks approval to temporarily relocate its count room to the Level 4 food and beverage count room, following unforeseen construction requirements at the Christchurch casino.
7. In addition to satisfying regulatory requirements, it is in CCL's interests to ensure that money generated at the casino is handled appropriately and with secure procedures in place. CCL has been in close contact with the local DIA inspectorate about the temporary relocation of the count room and outlined a system to transfer and count money, which was, generally, to the Secretary's satisfaction. The Secretary outlined some concerns which CCL will address with the local inspectorate, and provided the inspectorate is satisfied about these, the Commission does not consider that the application raises any other issues of regulatory concern.

Decision of Commission

8. The Commission decided to approve, under condition 1 of CCL's venue licence, the temporary relocation of the count room at the Christchurch casino to the food and beverage count room on Level 4. This approval is conditional upon the local DIA inspectorate being satisfied that:

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- (a) sound and camera coverage in the food and beverage count room is adequate;
- (b) the access system will allow surveillance to adequately monitor the food and beverage count room, as well as allow the room to be sealed off effectively.



Peter Chin
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

22 July 2008