

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of a new game mix for the Auckland casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

Date of Application: 2 March 2009

Date of Decision: 17 April 2009

Date of Notification
of Decision: 21 April 2009

**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW GAME MIX FOR THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

Introduction

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Commission for approval of Annex A (with a new game mix "D"), under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino.

Licence condition

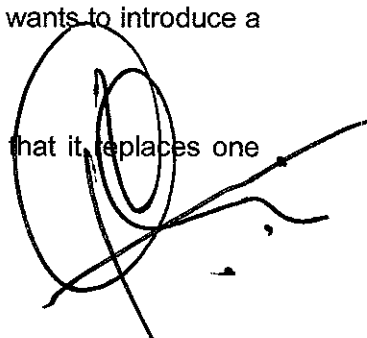
2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

SCML's operator's licence (Auckland)

9. The Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mix(es) specified in Annex A attached to this licence. The Licence Holder shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission for any change to the game types and/or game mixes specified.

Submissions by SCML

3. SCML stated that has three approved game mixes, A, B, and C, and wants to introduce a new game mix, D. It submitted that:
 - (a) Game mix D is the same as approved game mix C except that it replaces one Black Jack table with a Mini Baccarat table;



- (b) Game mix D will not increase opportunities for casino gambling as it has fewer player spaces and fewer opportunities for casino gambling compared with game mix A, which is used by the Commission as the regulatory benchmark for the Auckland casino, as follows:

Game mix	A	D
Player spaces	3909	3775
Rounds per hour	5967	5687
Overall opportunities	125,569	117,350

Submissions by the Secretary

4. The Secretary submitted that he had no regulatory concerns with the application and concurred with SCML's submission that the new game mix would not increase opportunities for casino gambling compared with game mix A.

Analysis

5. SCML presently has three approved game mixes and wants to introduce one additional game mix. The Commission's approach when determining whether a game mix will result in an increase in opportunities for casino gambling is to compare what is proposed against the approved game mix that provides the greatest level of opportunities for casino gambling. Game mix A presently provides the greatest level of opportunities to gamble.
6. The Commission compared game mix D with game mix A and considered that approving game mix D would not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

Decision

7. The Commission decided to approve Annex A (**attached**), with new game mix D, under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino.

**GAMBLING
COMMISSION**

Peter Chin
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

21 April 2009

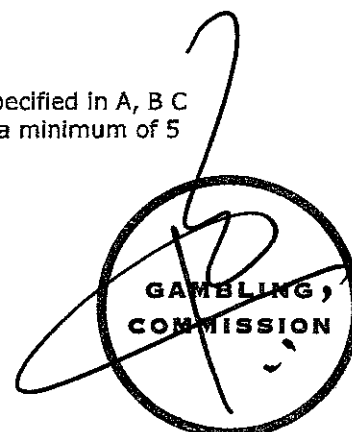
ANNEX A

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- A
- Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 44 games
 - Roulette – up to 24 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 10 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 17 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
- B
- Blackjack/Pontoon ('7 Box')- up to 31 games
 - Roulette – up to 20 games
 - Rapid Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 18 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Casino War – 2 games
- C
- Blackjack/Pontoon ('7 Box')- up to 33 games
 - Roulette – up to 20 games
 - Rapid Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 18 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
- D
- Blackjack/Pontoon ('7 Box')- up to 32 games
 - Roulette – up to 20 games
 - Rapid Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 8 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 18 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game

Notes

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the game mixes specified in A, B C and D subject to providing the Commission and the Inspectorate with a minimum of 5 working days notice in writing of its intention to do so.
2. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on:
 - the Poker tables specified in Game Mixes B, C and D; and



- 50% of open Blackjack tables specified in Game Mix A;
- all Blackjack tables specified in Game Mixes B, C and D;
- CSP and Baccarat tables specified in each of the game mixes, provided that no more than 10 such shufflers are operated on CSP games and no more than 24 such shufflers are operated on Baccarat games.
- the Casino War games specified in Game Mix B.

