

**IN THE MATTER** of the Gambling Act 2003

**AND** on applications by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of new game mixes 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

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Date of Notification  
of Decision: 16 December 2009

**DECISION ON APPLICATIONS BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED  
FOR APPROVAL OF NEW GAME MIXES FOR THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

**Introduction**

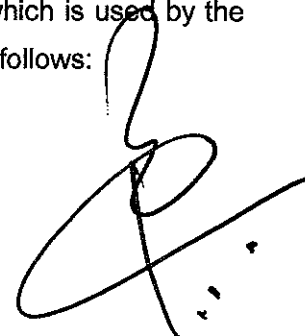
1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Commission for approval of a new Annex A (incorporating eight new game mixes, "G"-**"N"**), under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino.
2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

**SCML 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 wants to introduce eight new game mixes, G-N. It submitted that the new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling as they have fewer player spaces and fewer overall gambling opportunities than game mix A (which is used by the Commission as the regulatory benchmark for the Auckland casino) as follows:



Game mix	A	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Player spaces	3909	3789	3775	3789	3775	3789	3789	3789	3775
Rounds per hour	5967	5916	5916	5884	5818	5785	5753	5852	5786
Overall opportunities	125,569	122,523	122,523	121,851	120,101	119,772	119,100	121,179	119,429

### The Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary concurred that the new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, based upon SCML's information.

### Analysis

5. 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 mixes G-N with game mix A and considered that approving them would not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

### Decision of the Commission

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

  
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 Peter Chin  
 Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the  
 Gambling Commission

16 December 2009

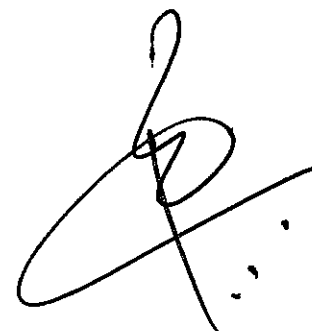
## ANNEX A

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:

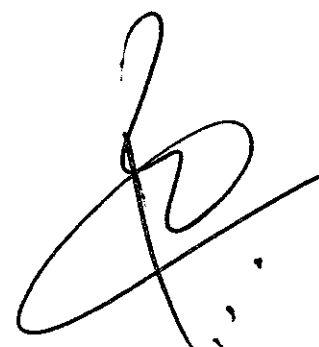
- A.
- Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 44 games
  - Roulette – up to 24 games
  - Electronic Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces and no manual table
  - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 10 games
  - Midi Baccarat – up to 17 games
  - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
  - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
  - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
  - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
  - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
- B.
- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 31 games
  - Roulette – up to 20 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - 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.
- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 33 games
  - Roulette – up to 20 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - 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.
- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 32 games
  - Roulette – up to 20 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - 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



- E.
- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 34 games
  - Roulette – up to 20 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
  - Midi Baccarat – up to 18 games
  - Mini Baccarat – up to 6 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
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- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 35 games
  - Roulette – up to 20 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 6 games
  - Midi Baccarat – up to 18 games
  - Mini Baccarat – up to 6 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
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  - 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

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- J.
- Black Jack/Pontoon ('7 Box') – up to 34 games
  - Roulette – up to 17 games
  - Electronic Roulette – up to 3 games with up to 21 player spaces and no manual table
  - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
  - Midi Baccarat – up to 18 games
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  - 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

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**Notes**

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the game mixes specified in A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M and N 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, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M and N; and
  - 50% of open Black Jack tables specified in Game Mix A;
  - all Black Jack tables specified in Game Mixes B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M and N;
  - 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.

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