

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND of an application by
CHRISTCHURCH
CASINOS LIMITED for
alternative floor plan and
game mix

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

Date of Application: 16 August 2006

Date of Decision: 12 September 2006

Date of Notification of Decision: **20** September 2006

DECISION

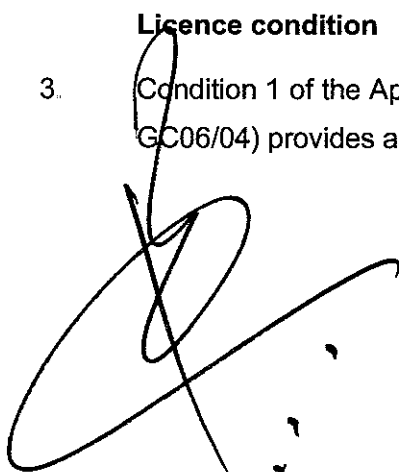
**ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR ALTERNATIVE FLOOR PLAN AND GAME MIX**

Application

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited (the "**Applicant**") applied under condition 1 of its venue licence for approval by the Gambling Commission (the "**Commission**") of an alternative floor plan to accommodate the annual New Zealand Poker Championships, and other smaller Poker tournaments throughout the year.
2. The alternative floor plan involves replacing two Roulette tables, two Black Jack tables and a Caribbean Stud Poker table with five Poker tables.

Licence condition

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

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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 the Applicant

4. The Applicant stated that it annually applies for a temporary floor plan in order to stage the New Zealand Poker Championships. It wished to cement the temporary layout as a permanent alternative floor plan to remove the need for repeated applications to the Commission.
5. The Applicant submitted that the proposed changes to the game mix will result in 41 fewer player spaces. The Applicant anticipated that minor alterations to CCTV coverage may be necessary, and undertook to liaise with Inspectorate staff to ensure adequate coverage.

Submissions by the Secretary

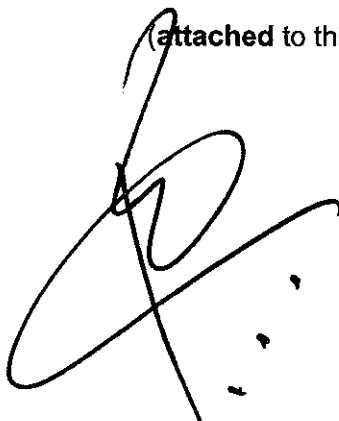
6. The Secretary submitted that the proposal raised no issues of regulatory concern.

Analysis

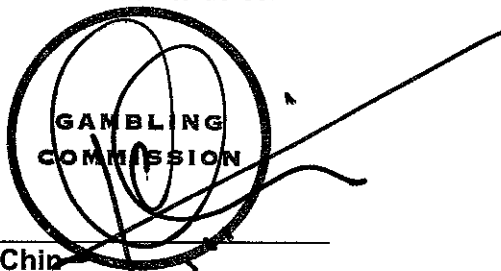
7. The current game mix provides for nine Roulette tables, 14 Black Jack tables, three Caribbean Stud Poker tables, three Midi Baccarat tables, one Mini Baccarat table, one Money Wheel, two Poker tables and one Tai Sai table. The proposed game mix involves replacing two Roulette tables, two Black Jack tables and a Caribbean Stud Poker table with five Poker tables, and is identical to the game mix approved, on a temporary basis, for the casino's 2006 Poker tournament in decision GC01/06.
8. The Commission is satisfied that the alternative floor plan will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, and raises no other issues of regulatory concern.

Decision of Commission

9. The Commission decided unanimously to approve the alternative plan and game mix (attached to this decision) under condition 1 of the Applicant's venue licence.



10. The Applicant is permitted to change between the two floor plans subject to providing the Commission and the Inspectorate with a minimum of five working days notice in writing of its intention to do so.



Peter Chip
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

20 September 2006

- Alternate Game Mix**
- 7 American Roulette tables
- 12 Black Jack tables
- 2 Caribbean Stud Poker tables
- 3 Midi Baccarat tables
- 1 Mini Baccarat table
- 1 Money Wheel
- 7 Poker tables
- 1 Tai Sai table
- 34 Total tables**

Key:  Poker

