

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

**AND** of an application by **SKYCITY HAMILTON LIMITED** for approval of floor plans and game mixes

**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: 20 December 2006

Date of Decision: 16 February 2007

Date of Notification of Decision: *26* February 2007

**DECISION  
ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY HAMILTON LIMITED  
FOR APPROVAL OF FLOOR PLANS AND GAME MIXES**

**Application**

- 1 SKYCITY Hamilton Limited ("SHL") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "Commission"), under condition 6 1 of its venue licence, for approval:
  - (a) of two additional floor plans, B1 and D1; and
  - (b) of three additional game mixes, 3-5; and
  - (c) to operate any approved game mix on any approved floor plan
- 2 The two existing table game mixes, 1 and 2, and the proposed table game mixes, 3, 4 and 5, are summarised below:

	Game Mix 1	Game Mix 2	Game Mix 3	Game Mix 4	Game Mix 5
Black Jack	11	10	11	11	12
Roulette	5	4	4	4	4
Midi Baccarat	3	3	3	2	2
Mini Baccarat	1	1	0	0	0
Caribbean Stud Poker	2	1	1	1	1
Money Wheel (single sided)	0	1	1	1	1
Poker	0	2	2	3	2
Rapid Roulette	0	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (single sided)	1	0	0	0	0

### Licence condition

3 Licence condition 6 1 of SHL's venue licence provides as follows:

#### 6.1 Approval of specifications for security and surveillance installations

Subject to paragraph 6.2, the Licence Holder shall submit to the Commission for approval all drawings and specifications relating to:

- (a) gaming area floor layouts showing gaming tables, gaming machines and closed circuit television cameras;
- (b) any viewing panels;
- (c) cashier cages, count rooms, security areas, and access thereto;
- (d) areas for Government inspectors and surveillance staff;
- (e) electrical installations, telephone installations, auxiliary power; and
- (f) the master key system or access control system

#### Submissions by SHL

- 4 SHL presently has four approved floor plans, A, B, C and D SHL wishes to introduce two additional floor plans, B1 and D1, and to dispense with existing plans B and D SHL submitted that plans B1 and D1 would allow it to relocate a number of gaming machines and tables as part of its wider refurbishment of the Hamilton Casino.
- 5 SHL noted that presently each floor plan is linked to a specific table game mix and submitted that this limits the flexibility SHL wishes to operate any approved game mix on any approved floor plan.
- 6 SHL wishes to retain two approved game mixes, game mixes 1 and 2, and sought approval for three additional table game mixes, 3-5 SHL submitted that:
- (a) game mixes 3, 4 and 5 will not increase opportunities for casino gambling as the total number of player spaces associated with each is fewer than presently permitted under game mix 1, which is the game mix representing the greatest level of opportunity for casino gambling at the Hamilton casino Game mix 1 provides for 464 player spaces at casino table games, game mix 3 provides for 449 player spaces, game mix 4 provides for 433 player spaces, and game mix 5 provides for 443 player spaces;
  - (b) game mixes 3, 4 and 5 all would allow fewer rounds of play per hour than game mix 1 Game mix 3 would permit 46 fewer rounds per hour than game mix 1, game mix 4 has 71 fewer rounds per hour and game mix 5 would permit 22 fewer rounds per hour;

(c) it would provide the DIA Inspectorate with a minimum of five working days notice in writing of which floor plan and game mix it would employ

- 7 SHL based its submissions that game mixes 3, 4, and 5 would not increase opportunities for casino gambling upon data obtained from a study conducted at the Christchurch casino in 1999/2000, discussed in previous decisions of the Commission.

#### **Submissions by the Secretary**

8. The Secretary had no objection to the additional floor plans and game mixes, and agreed that the proposals will not increase opportunities for casino gambling.
- 9 The Secretary also supported the proposal to operate any approved game mix on any approved floor plan

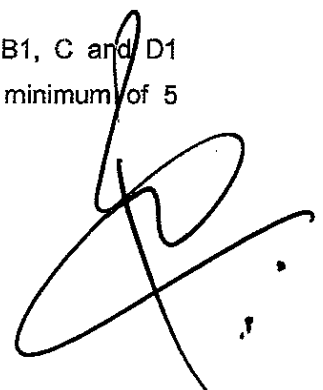
#### **Analysis**

- 10 SHL presently has approval for four different floor plans, each with a different game mix SHL has sought Commission approval of floor plans B1 and D1 (which will replace existing plans B and D), three additional game mixes, and the flexibility to operate any approved game mix on any approved floor plan
- 11 Game mix 1, which is already approved, provides the greatest level of opportunities for casino gambling at the Hamilton casino Given the reduction in player spaces and rate of play associated with game mixes 3, 4, 5, the Commission was satisfied that their approval will not increase opportunities for casino gambling The Commission was also satisfied that approval of floor plans B1 and D1 did not raise any issues of regulatory concern
- 12 The Commission was satisfied that SHL's proposal to deploy any of the five approved game mixes on any of the four approved floor plans did not raise any issues of regulatory concern, provided the Commission and the local Inspectorate was notified of which floor plan and game mix was to be employed The Secretary was satisfied with SHL's proposal that a minimum of five working days notice in writing be provided

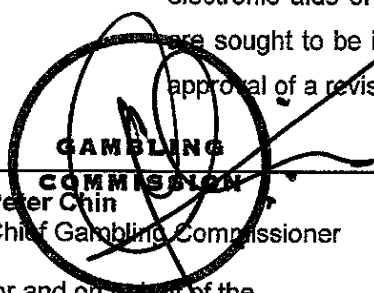
#### **Decision of the Commission**

- 13 The Commission decided unanimously that the proposal was consistent with the Act and approved game mixes 3-5 and floor plans A, B1, C and D1, **attached** to this decision Approval is granted subject to the following conditions and requirements:

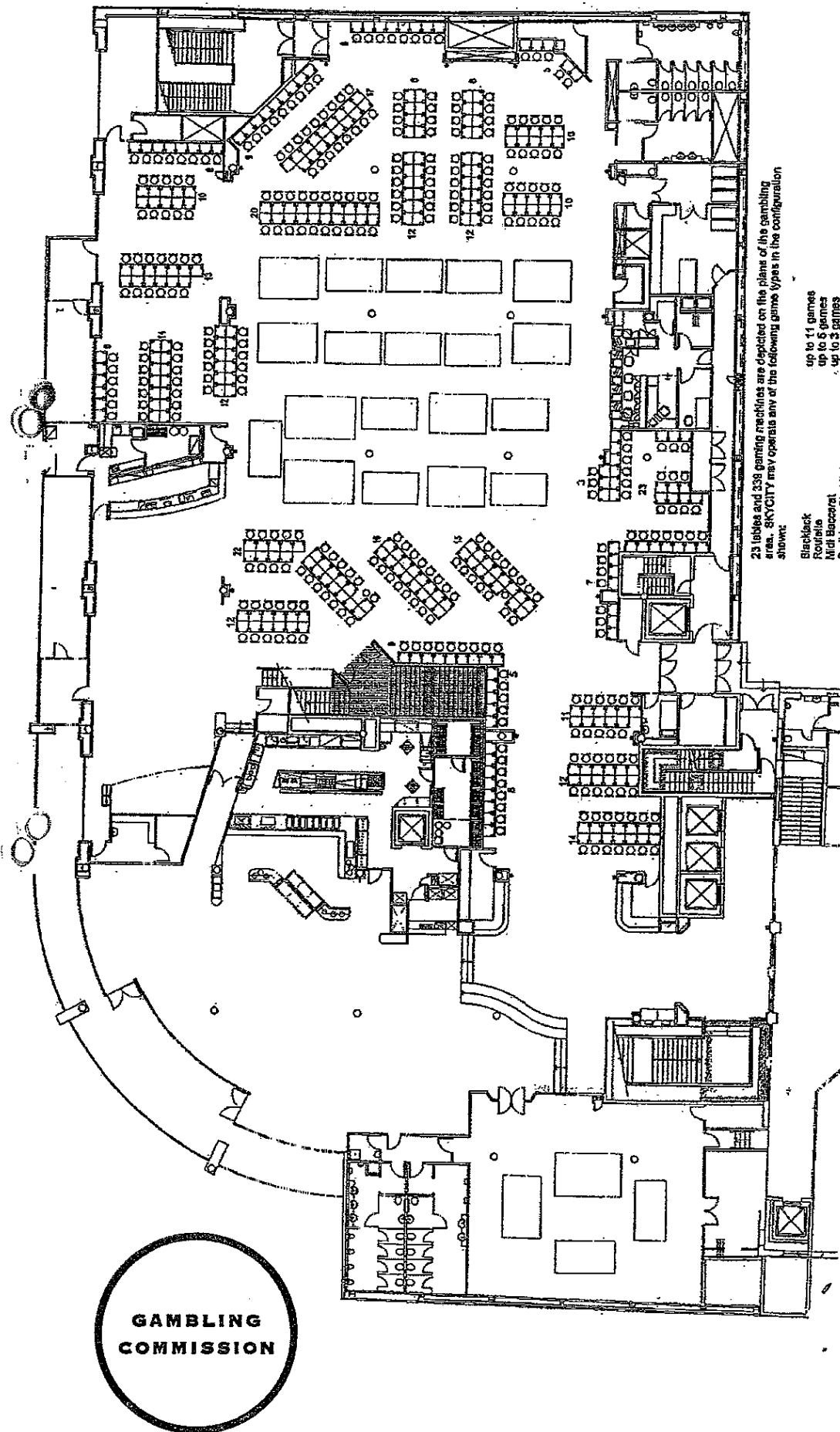
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- (c) The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on the Poker tables specified
- (d) The table game mixes refer (unless specified otherwise) to manual versions and does not extend to or permit the introduction of any electronic versions or new electronic aids or enhancements. If electronic versions, aids or enhancements are sought to be introduced, an application is required by the Licence Holder for approval of a revised floor layout and game mix

  
**GAMBLING**  
**COMMISSION**  
Peter Chin  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
for and on behalf of the  
Gambling Commission

26 February 2007



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- Blackjack
- Roulette
- Mini Baccarat
- Caribbean Stud Poker
- Tot 21
- Mini Baccarat
- up to 11 games
- up to 8 games
- up to 3 games
- up to 2 games
- up to 1 game
- up to 1 game

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## ATTACHMENT TO FLOOR PLAN

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### Game Mix 1

Blackjack	up to 11 games
Roulette	up to 5 games
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CSP	up to 2 games
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### Game Mix 2

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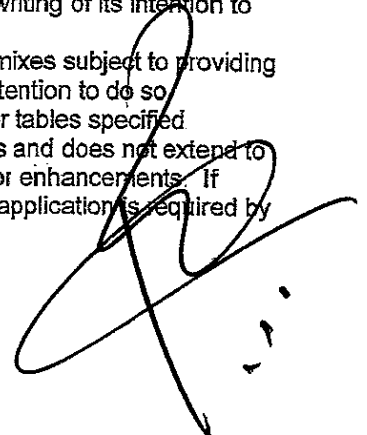
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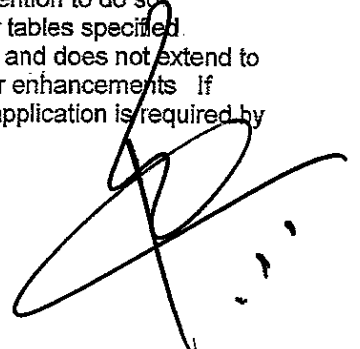
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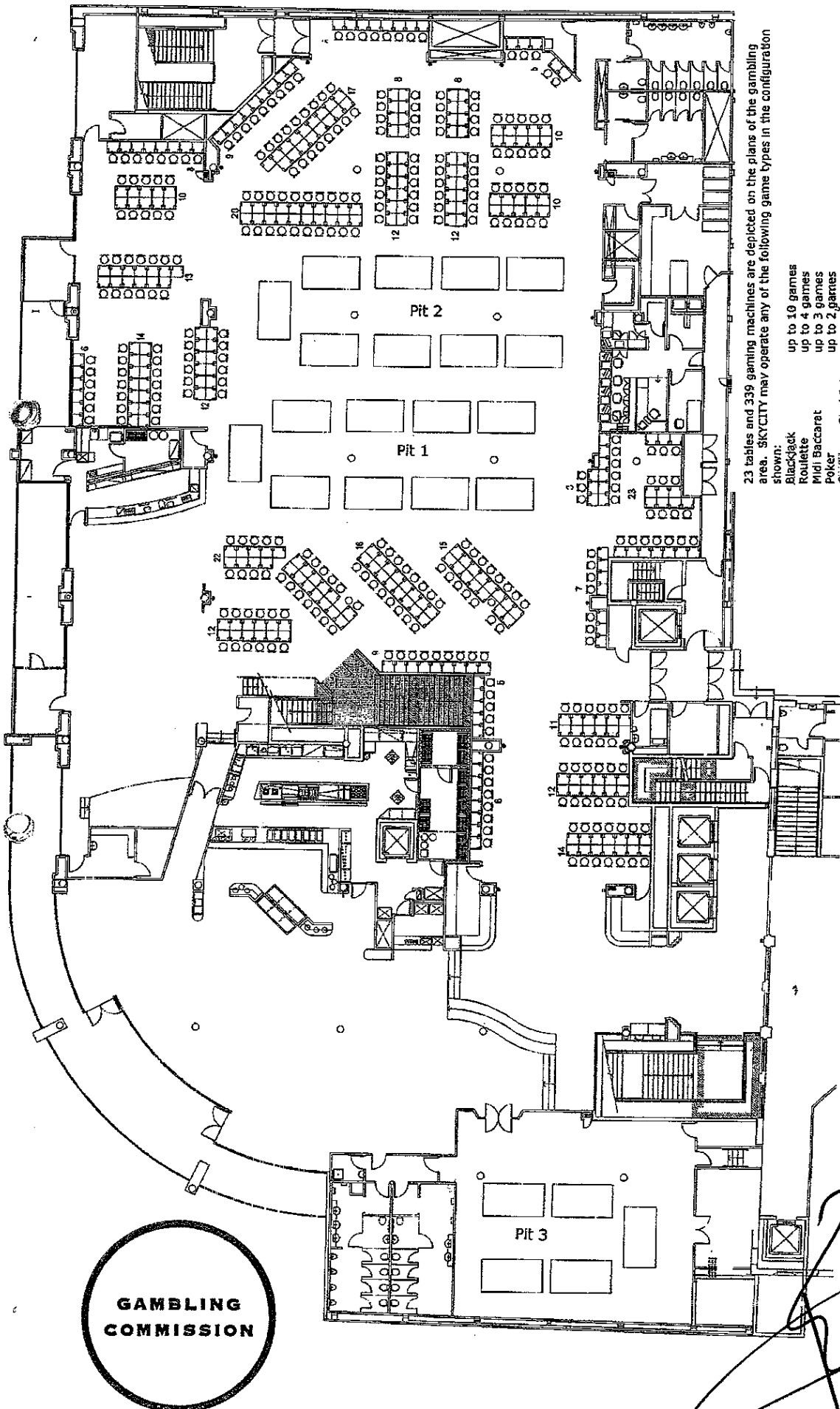
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- Caribbean Stud Poker 1 game
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SKYCITY CASINO  
GAMING FLOOR  
26-07-06 RR  
Boxes Option D

**SKYCITY  
HAMILTON CASINO**

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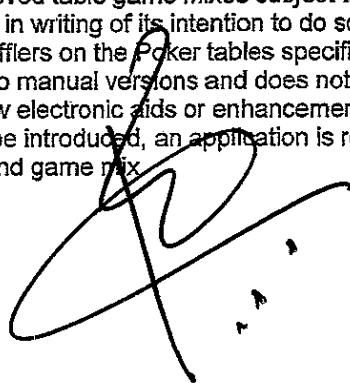
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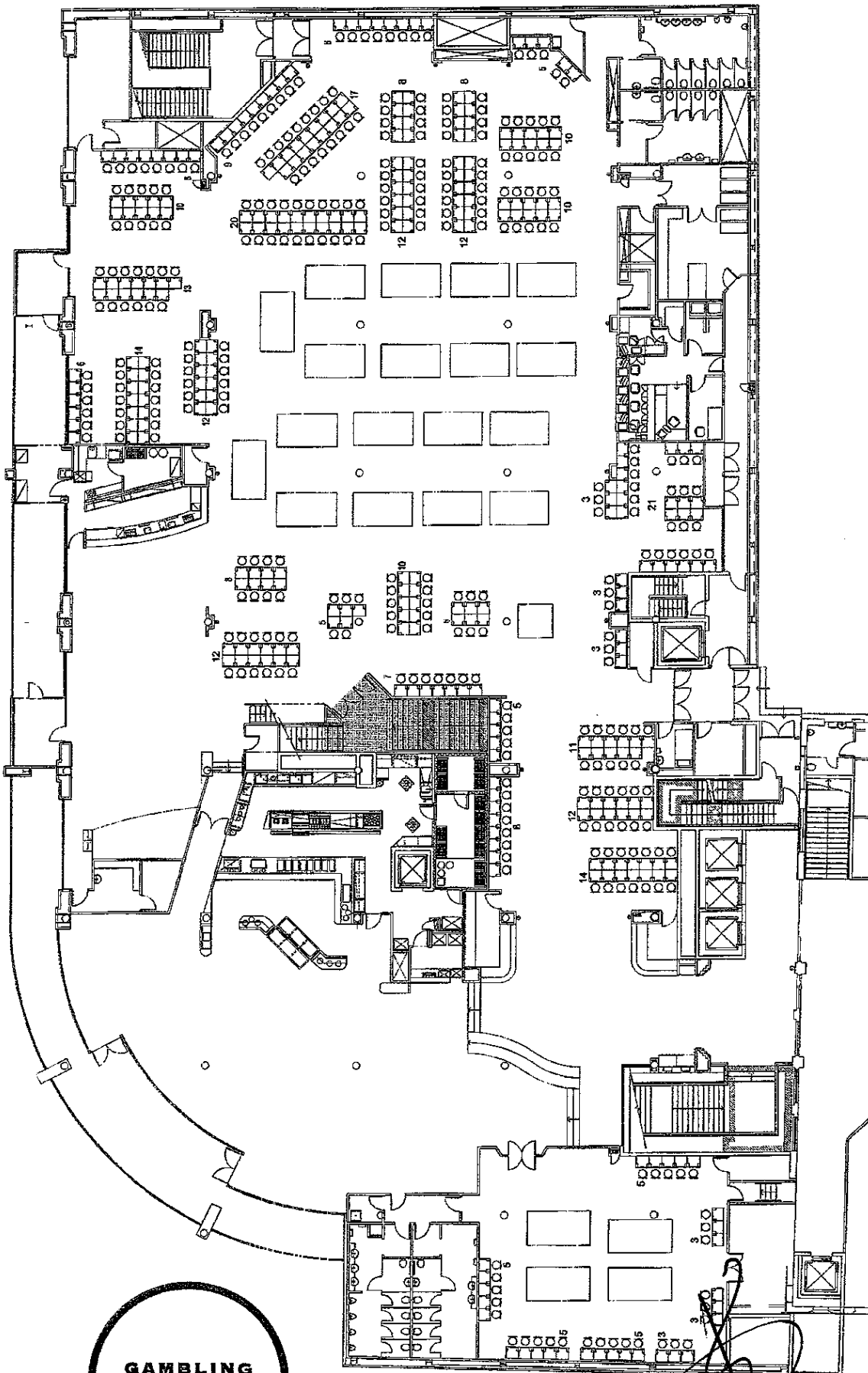
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COMMISSION**

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