

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN  
APPLICATION BY SKYKITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF NEW  
FLOOR PLANS FOR THE QUEENSTOWN CASINO**

**Date of Decision: 24 November 2021**

1. On 19 November 2021, SKYKITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence for the Queenstown casino, for approval of three new floor plans, “2021 003 QTN”, “2021 003A QTN” and “2021 003B QTN”.
2. Condition 12 SCML’s operator’s licence for the Queenstown casino provides as follows:
  12. The Licence Holder shall obtain the approval of the Commission for new floor plans prior to relocating or installing tables or machines in positions not specified in approved floor layouts. When applying, the Licence Holder must submit fresh plans showing the floor layout for the Gambling Area and details of the proposed CCTV layout for the consideration of the Commission. Any changes must comply with the Surveillance Standard. The Executive Director and a single Gambling Commissioner may approve the new floor plans if they are satisfied that the floor layout has no potentially adverse effects. If they are not so satisfied, the proposed floor plan must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.
3. SCML submitted as follows:
  - (a) Due to social distancing restrictions of Alert Level 2, it is currently reliant on floor plan “2021 001 QTN – TEMP” and had intended on moving back to plan “2021 001 QTN” should social distancing requirements no longer be required and/or eased.
  - (b) It has previously submitted revised plans for approval, but these were subsequently withdrawn following feedback from the Secretary. Following consultation with the Secretary, it now wants to resubmit new floor plans. The plans remain the same as previously submitted, with the exception of the plan numbering.
  - (c) It wants to make some adjustments to its gaming product at the Casino and seeks approval for plan “2021 003 QTN” to use under the current COVID-19 restrictions and beyond.

(d) In addition, it seeks approval for two further plans, “2021 003A QTN” and “2021 003B QTN” which it wants to activate on occasion, should customer preference/demand require it. Floor plan “2021 003 QTN” will be the plan that is implemented initially and will be the primary layout utilised.

(e) The proposed floor plan changes are as follows:

*Plan 2021 003 QTN*

- Remove 5 EGMs and reconfigure layout
- Reconfigure 2 EGMs
- Remove 2 EGMs
- Remove 2 gaming tables
- Install 7 EGMs and reconfigure layout

*Plan 2021 003A QTN*

- Reconfigure 2 EGMs
- Remove 2 EGMs
- Install 2 EGMs

*Plan 2021 003B QTN*

- Remove 5 EGMs and reconfigure layout
- Reconfigure 2 EGMs
- Install 1 EGM to create bank of 4
- Remove 2 EGMs

(f) If approved, it wants to transition to plan “2021 003 QTN” as soon as possible.

(g) At all times, the number of EGMs and gaming tables will comply with the requirements of its licence conditions.

*Decision*


4. SCML’s proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. The Secretary also has no concerns with the proposed plans. Accordingly, plans “2021 003 QTN”, “2021 003A QTN” and “2021 003B QTN” (**attached**) are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to condition 12 of SCML’s operator’s licence, for the Queenstown casino.

5. Once SCML is reliant on plan "2021 003 QTN", plan "2021 001 QTN – TEMP" will cease to be valid.



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**Lisa Hansen**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

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