DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION BY QUEENSTOWN CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES TO LEVEL 2 OF THE QUEENSTOWN CASINO

Date of Decision: 19 August 2013

1. On 23 August 2013, Queenstown Casinos Limited ("**QCL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to level 2 of the Queenstown casino.

2. Conditions 6, 7 and 8 of QCL's venue licence provide as follows:

> 6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
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> (a) construction or design changes to Level 2 of the Casino Venue, including the Gambling Area;
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> (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices;
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> (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.
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> The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Level 2 of the Casino Venue (6(a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.
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> 7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design of Level 2 of the Casino Venue. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:
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> (a) the integrity and fairness of games;
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> (b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
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> (c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
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> (d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age; and
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> (e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11.
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> The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

8. The Licence Holder shall ensure that:

   (a) gambling activity is not visible from outside the Casino Venue; and

   (b) there is provision for generation of emergency power to maintain in situations of an interruption to mains power:

      (i) minimum services to the Gambling Area; and

      (ii) lighting in highly sensitive areas such as count rooms, surveillance suite, cashiering locations and gambling equipment storerooms.

3. On 2 May 2013 the Commission approved an application by QCL for construction and design changes to level 2 of the Queenstown casino. During the course of implementing those construction and design changes, two windows were uncovered behind a wall, which provide views of the lake. QCL wants to utilise one of these windows as part of the new design, and therefore wants to modify the earlier approval to incorporate the window in the centre of the wall.

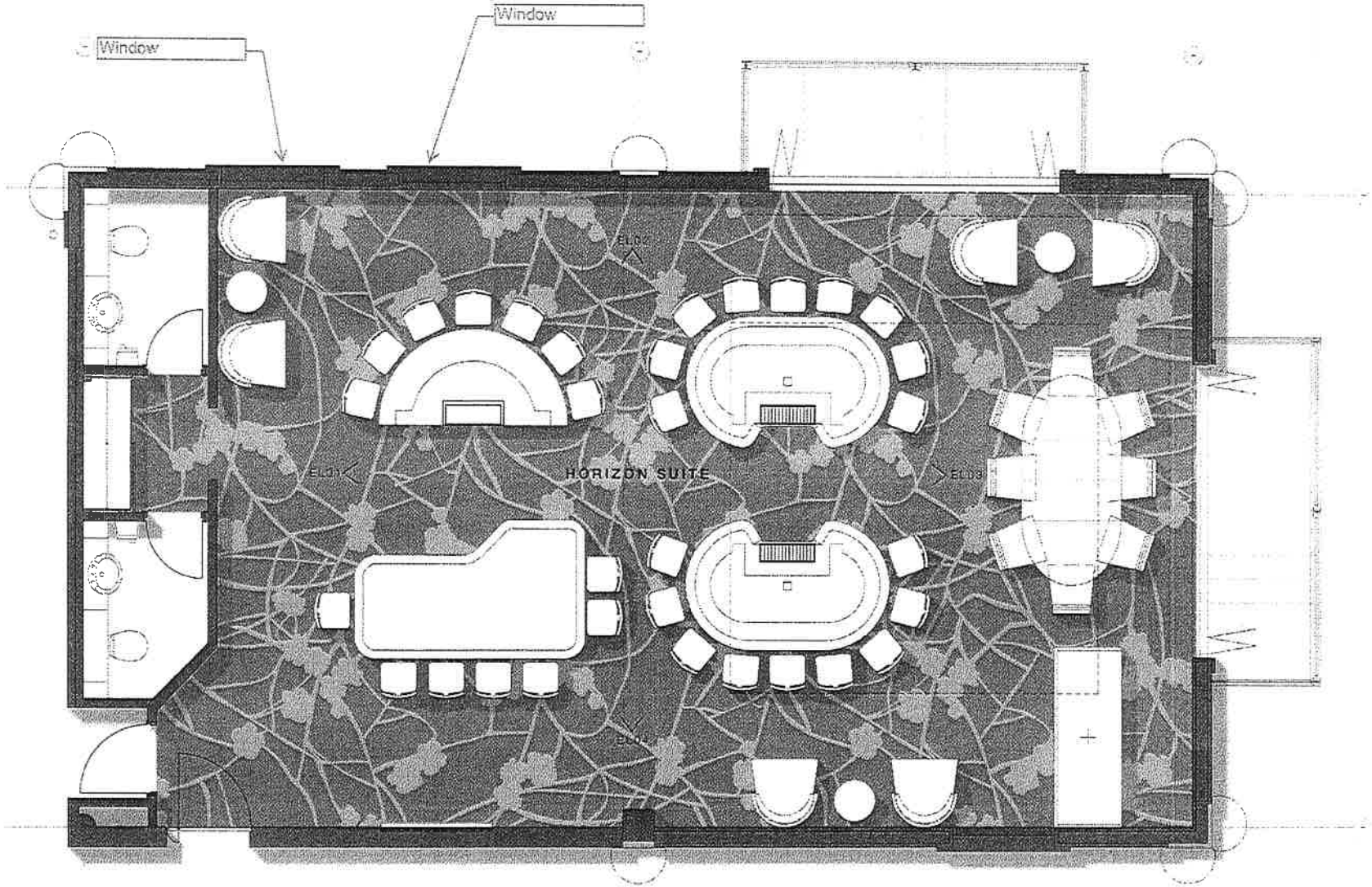
4. QCL submits that the design change will have no bearing on any of the matters set out in condition 7 of its venue licence and it will comply with the requirement that gambling activity should not be visible from outside the casino venue.

5. The application will not impact adversely in relation to the matters specified in condition 7 of QCL's venue licence. Accordingly the application is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to condition 7 of QCL's venue licence. The Commission noted QCL's submission that it will comply with the condition 8 visibility requirements.

Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

29 August 2013

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SKYCITY QUEENSTOWN - HORIZON SUITE PROPOSED PLAN

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