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

Date of Decision: 18 **October 2013**

1. On 14 October 2013, Queenstown Casinos Limited ("**QCL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to the Queenstown casino.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 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.

3. QCL submits that the proposed design changes are relatively minor and will have no adverse impact on condition 7. The changes proposed are as follows:

- replace the carpet in the main casino area;
- install any additional cabling required and repair the floor while the carpet is up;
- paint the walls and ceiling in the casino area;
- install new curtains and sheers in the casino area;
- replace the current table games chairs;
- line the central coffer and install new feature lighting;
- paint the walls in the bar and restaurant and install new curtains;
- install new shelving in the bar;
- purchase new chairs and tables for the bar.

4. The application will not impact adversely on 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.

Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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