UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY HAMILTON LIMITED AND SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES, AND A NEW FLOOR PLAN FOR THE HAMILTON CASINO

Date of Decision: 29 **October 2013**

1. On 18 October 2013, SKYCITY Hamilton Limited (**"SHL"**) and SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (**"SCML"**) (together the "**Applicants**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SHL's venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to the Hamilton casino, and, pursuant to conditions 11 and 12 of SCML's operator's licence for the Hamilton casino, for approval of a new floor plan, "Nov/Dec 2013".

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of SHL'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 Levels B1 and 1 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 Levels B1 and 1 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 Levels B1 and 1 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.

> 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. Conditions 11 and 12 of SCML's operator's licence provide as follows:

> 11. The Licence Holder shall operate in accordance with approved floor layouts showing the position of gaming tables and gaming machines.
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> 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.

4. The Applicants submitted that the proposed construction and design changes would have no adverse impact on condition 7. The changes proposed are as follows:

   (a) removing booth seating and straightening particular walls;

   (b) installing a false wall;

   (c) removing booth seating and existing stairs, and installing a partial height wall;

   (d) relocating the stairs inside the casino out to the end of the disability ramp, and installing a wall;

   (e) extending the existing wall in the area currently occupied by Rapid Roulette and removing an alcove to allow for the installation of the Vegas Star display. A cupboard will be installed on the other side of this new wall;

   (f) installing a wall to change the existing Macau Room into a private table game area for VIP players;

   (g) changing the location of the balcony doors;

   (h) changing the wall finish in part of the main gaming area.

5. In relation to the proposed floor plan, the Applicants submitted as follows:

   (a) It is currently reliant on plan "August 2013". It expects to transition to approved floor plan "October 2013" in early November 2013.

(b) Once reliant on floor plan "October 2013" it will make the abovementioned construction and design changes, and relocate gambling product throughout the gambling area. This will involve: activating the Vue Bar as a gambling area, and installing product there; changes to the configuration of existing machine banks; the relocation of Rapid Roulette, with an increase to 23 terminals (consistent with an approved game mix); and the installation of 12 Vegas Star gaming machine terminals in the space previously occupied by Rapid Roulette.

6. The proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly the proposed construction and design changes, and new floor plan, are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SHL's venue licence and conditions 11 and 12 of SCML's operator's licence. Plan "Nov/Dec 2013" is **attached**.

7. Once the Applicants are reliant on plan "Nov/Dec 2013" plan "October 2013" will cease to be valid.

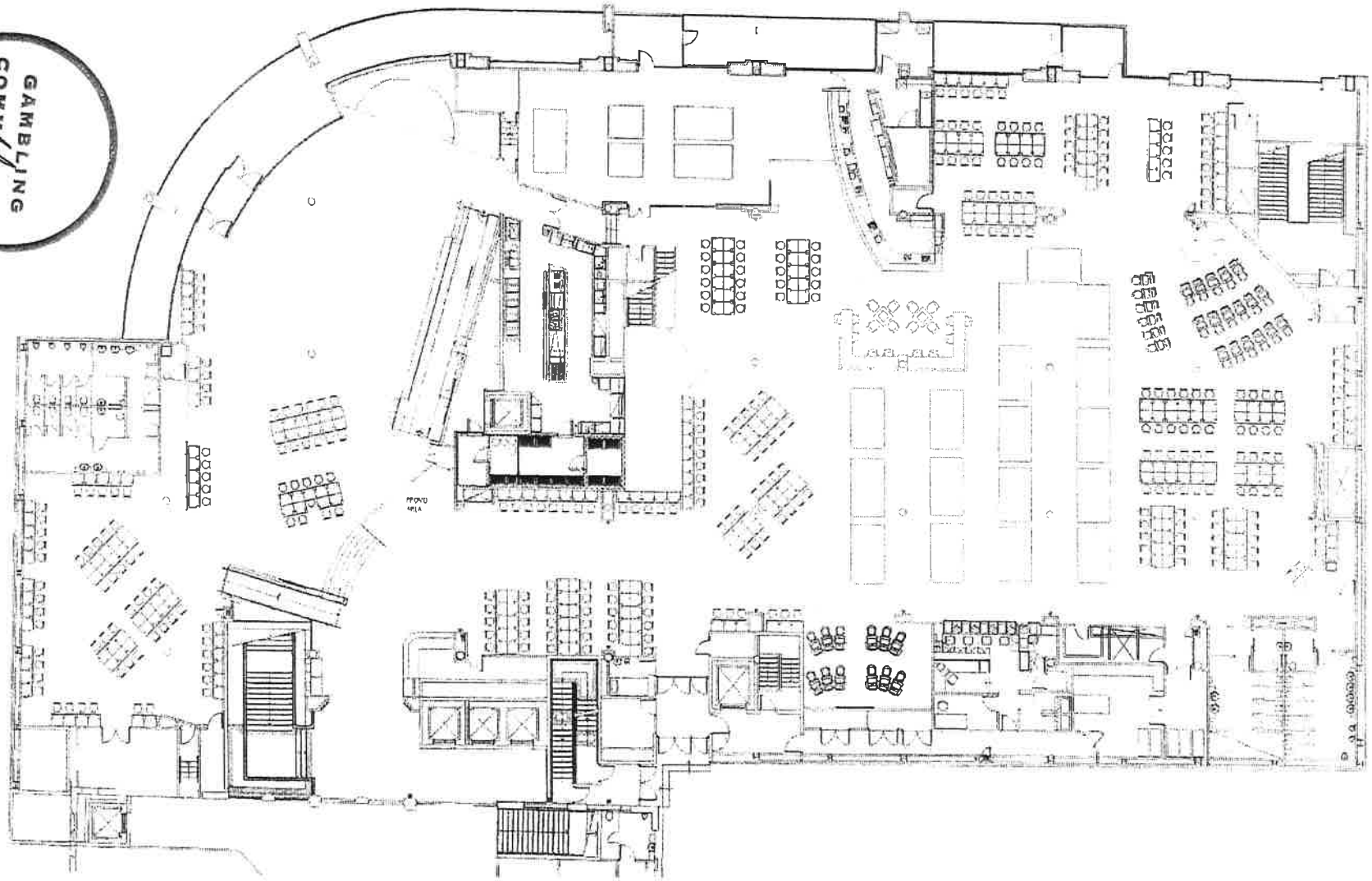
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