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: 16 **June 2014**

1. On 29 May 2014, 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, "October 2014".

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.
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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. 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) The existing stage will be removed and replaced with a smaller stage in the same area.

(b) A new entertainment and seating area will be created on the MGF in the space currently occupied by the Rapid Roulette table and terminals.

(c) It will relocate a Rapid Roulette game and reduce the number of terminals to 12.

(d) The existing seating area adjacent to the bar on the MGF will be removed and replaced with two gaming tables. A partial height wall will be installed between the end of the pit and the adjacent bar area. The seating area created by the new stage detailed in (b) above, will replace the current seating by the bar.

(e) A gaming machine VIP area will be created on the MGF adjacent to the existing bar. Currently this area is occupied by 45 gaming machines. Partial height walls will be installed, together with doors to create a private area. There will be 25 gaming machines in the VIP area, with the other 20 being relocated. The existing bar will be extended to allow for direct service to the VIP gaming machine area from the bar. Break-out seating will be available within the VIP area.

(f) Surveillance camera coverage will be reviewed prior to the start of the transition and adjustments will be made as necessary during the transition phase.

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

   (a) They are currently reliant on plan "Nov/Dec 2013 v2". They expect to transition to approved floor plan "May 2014 v2" on 9 June 2014.

   (b) The table mix will remain unchanged under the proposed new plan "October 2014". Game mix 12 allows for the casino to have up to 23 Rapid Roulette terminals with a requirement to run one restricted Black Jack table.

6. The proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly the proposed construction and design changes and the proposed 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 "October 2014" is **attached**.

7. Once the Applicants are reliant on plan "October 2014" plan "May 2014 v2" will cease to be valid.

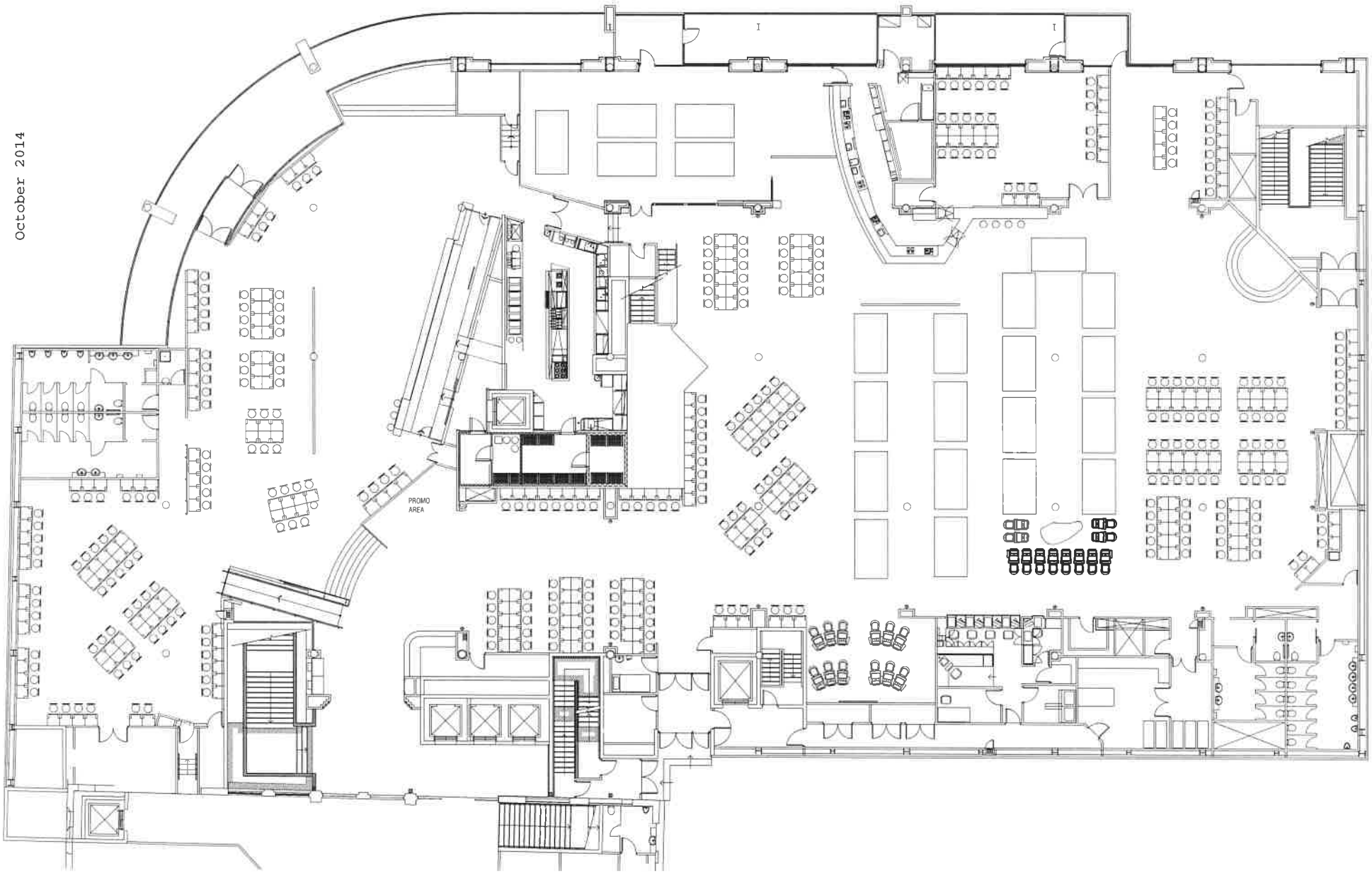
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