DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES AND A TEMPORARY FLOOR PLAN FOR LEVEL 3 OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO

Date of Decision: 4 **September 2014**

1. On 28 August 2013, Christchurch Casinos Limited ("**CCL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes, and, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator's licence, for approval of a temporary floor plan for level 3 of the Christchurch casino.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence provide as follows:

> 6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
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> (a) Any construction or design changes whatsoever in the Gambling Area (Schedule 1) and Additional Gambling Areas (Schedules 2, 3 or 4) and for any construction or design changes elsewhere in the Casino Venue which may impact on the matters set out in condition 7;
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> (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and Additional Gambling Areas and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices; and
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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 3 and 4 and the rooftop area of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (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 for which approval is required under condition 6. 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 of the Act.
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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. Condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence provides as follows:

> 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 change 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. CCL submitted as follows:

(a) It wants to remove eight tables temporarily from its VIP room, "Aspinalls", in order to replace the carpet in that room. While that is taking place, it wants to cordon off an area on the MGF for exclusive use by its VIPs. To do this, it wants to install a number of portable screens and create a VIP reception area.

(b) These arrangements will take place between 15 and 19 September 2014. As soon the refurbishment of "Aspinalls" is complete, it will revert to its current floor plans.

5. The application raises no issues the Commission needs to consider. Accordingly the proposed construction and design changes are approved pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence. Floor plan "September 2014 Temporary" (**attached**) is approved by a Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence.

6. Once CCL reverts to its current floor plans, plan "September 2014 Temporary" will cease to be valid.

Russell Bell
Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission

4 September 2014

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Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

September 2014 Temporary

