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

Date of Decision: 17 **September 2015**

1. On 15 September 2015, Dunedin Casinos Limited ("**DCL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of DCL's venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to the outdoor gambling/smoking area at Dunedin casino. Conditions 6 and 7 of DCL's venue licence are 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 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 Level 1 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 of Level 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 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.

2. Dunedin Casinos Management Limited ("**DCML**") applied, pursuant to conditions 11 and 12 of its operator's licence, for approval of a new floor plan depicting the layout of the gaming machines at Dunedin casino. The proposed plan is labelled "September 2015".

3. Conditions 11 and 12 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 approval 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 consideration. 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. The Applicants submitted that the relevant health authority has reclassified the outdoor gambling/smoking area as an 'internal area' as defined in the Smoke Free Environments Act. Therefore no smoking can now take place within that area.

5. As a result, the Applicants want to revamp this area by reconfiguring the six machines that are currently housed there, and by removing the inner wall of the room to create one large room. The six gaming machines will be removed while the alterations are being made, and returned afterwards to their new locations.

6. The applications raise no issues the Commission needs to consider. Accordingly the application for the approval of construction and design changes, and the application for the approval of a new floor plan are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to conditions 5 and 6 of DCL's venue licence and conditions 11 and 12 of DCML's operator's licence.

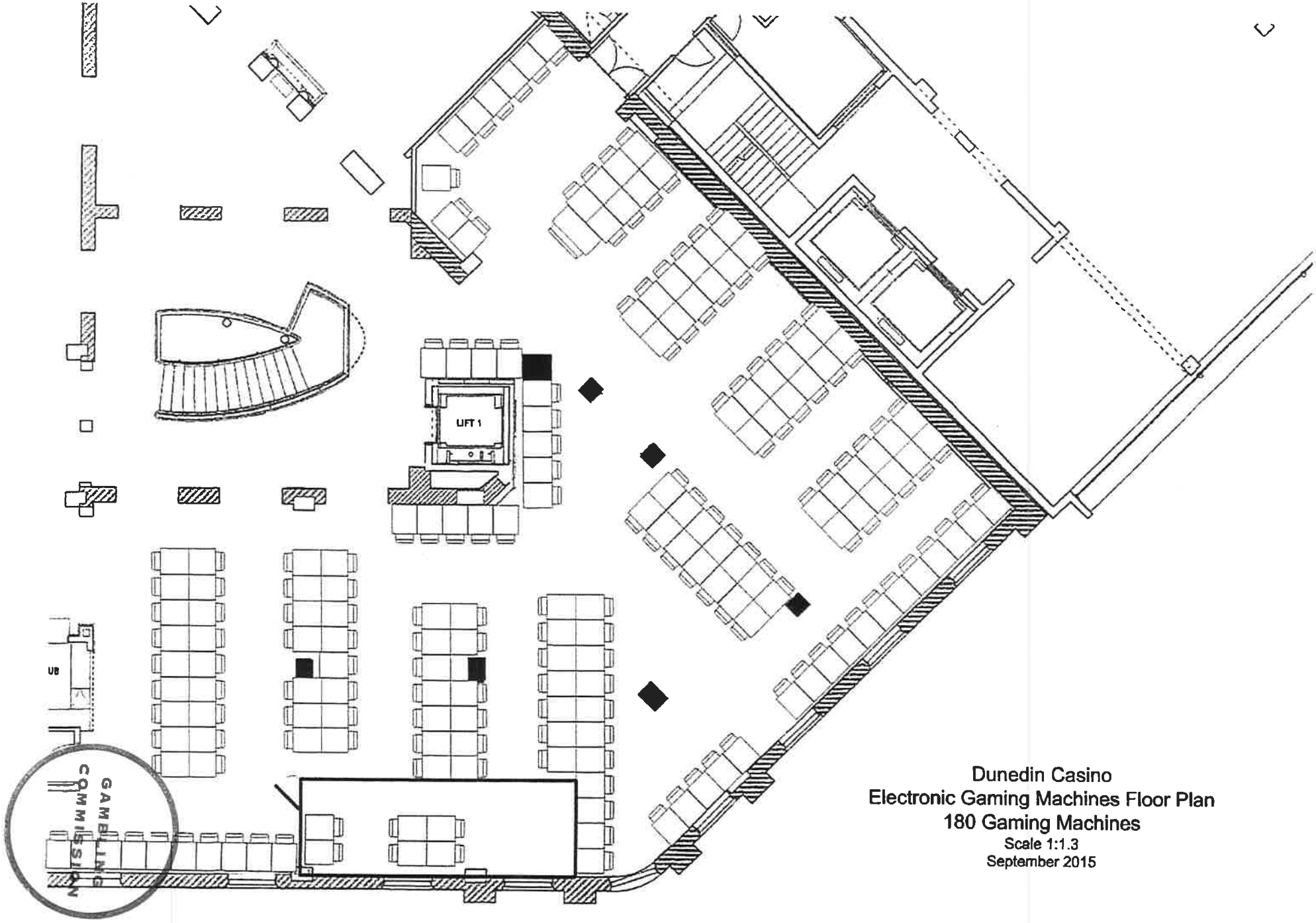
7. Plan "September 2015" is **attached**. DCML's current floor plan, "July 2014", ceases to be valid once DCML is fully reliant on plan "September 2015".

Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission

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Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission



Dunedin Casino
Electronic Gaming Machines Floor Plan
180 Gaming Machines
Scale 1:1.3
September 2015