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: 11th **December 2015**

1. On 4 December 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 remove the inner wall from an area formerly used as an 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. DCL submitted that it wants to remove the inner wall of the ex-smokers' room to create a single, larger room. It also wants to replace the existing louvre windows with the original windows for this room. The original windows will be tinted to ensure that no gaming machines will be visible outside the casino.

3. Also on 4 December 2015, 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 "December 2015".

4. 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.

5. DCML submitted that it seeks approval of "December 2015" because it wants to reposition the gaming machines in the ex-smokers' room, and to re-include a single gaming machine that it had inadvertently removed from its floor plan.

6. The applications raise no issues that 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 6 and 7 of DCL's venue licence and conditions 11 and 12 of DCML's operator's licence.

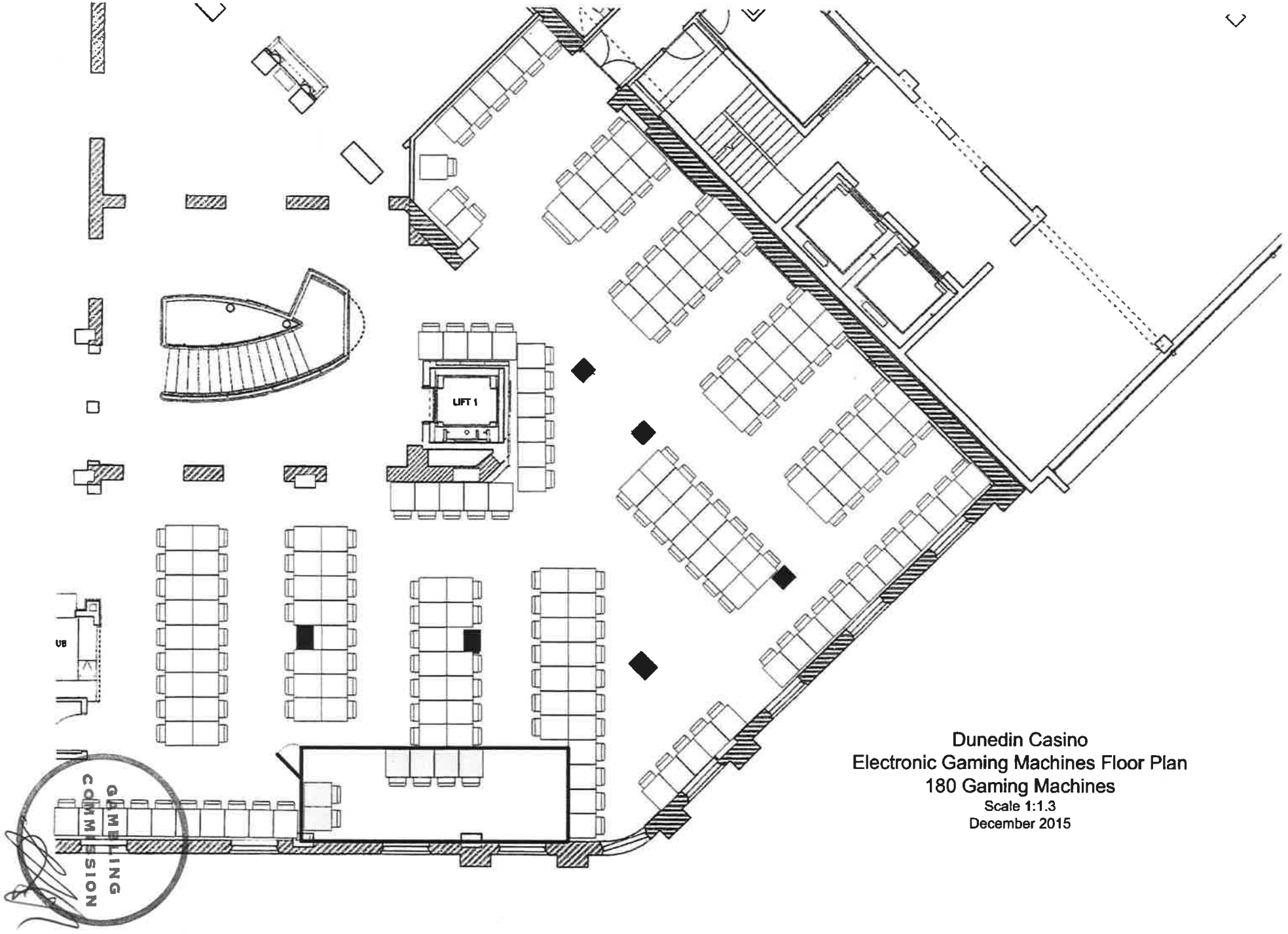
7. Plan "December 2015" is **attached**. Floor plans, "July 2014" and "September 2014" cease to be valid once DCML is fully reliant on plan "December 2015".

Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission

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16th December 2015

Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission



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