

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED**
for approval of a new game mix
Annex for the Hamilton casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
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of Decision:  February 2018

DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW GAME MIX ANNEX FOR THE HAMILTON CASINO

Introduction

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("SCML") applied to the Commission, under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Hamilton casino, for approval to introduce two new game mixes, 18 and 19, to its game mix Annex.

Licence condition

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

SCML's operator's licence (Hamilton)

9. The Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mixes specified in Annex A attached to this Licence. The Licence Holder shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission for any change to the game types and/or game mixes specified.

Submissions by SCML

3. SCML submitted, in summary, that:
 - (a) It seeks approval to add two new game mixes, game mixes 18 and 19. The new game mixes are variations of two previously approved game mixes, 16 and 17.



- (b) The new game mixes provide for:
- (i) the introduction of an electronic roulette game, in place of a manual roulette game;
 - (ii) the deployment of two additional 5 box Black Jack games, in place of 7 box Black Jack.
- (c) Rule 3.2 of the rules of Electronic Roulette allows players the option of placing wagers on the table layout as well as the roulette terminals. Game mixes 18 and 19 provide for the use of up to 10 roulette terminals and for the use of a manual table.
- (d) The proposed configuration allows for up to 31 player spaces; 21 for a manual roulette game and 10 on the electronic terminals. As the rate of play will be determined by the dealer rather than the electronic game, it has applied the rate of play traditionally accorded to a manual roulette game.
- (e) All previous references to "Rapid Roulette" in Annex A have been amended to "Electronic Roulette", to reflect the correct name used in the Electronic Roulette Rules.
- (f) The new game mixes fall within the regulatory benchmark. The notional opportunities associated with the new game mixes do not exceed those associated with the regulatory benchmark.
- (a) The new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling when compared to the benchmark game mix for the Hamilton casino, game mix 1, as follows:

Game Mix	Player Spaces	Overall gambling opportunities
1	464	14,165
18	460	12,097
19	460	11,989

The Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with the proposal.

Analysis

5. SCML is seeking approval to introduce two additional game mixes which incorporate the introduction of electronic roulette. In order to accommodate the additional player spaces



associated with this game, SCML proposes to deploy 5 box Black Jack tables (rather than 7 box).

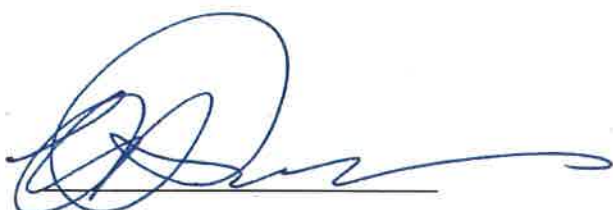
6. The Commission's approach when considering proposals for new game mixes is to compare what is proposed with the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling and form a view, in the round, on whether it will increase opportunities for casino gambling. Game Mix 1 is the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Hamilton casino.
7. The Commission was satisfied in the round that the proposed new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling compared to game mix 1. The Commission made this assessment on a common sense basis, in the round, rather than by calculating opportunities based on tables of data or upon a formula.

Decision of the Commission

8. The Commission approved game mixes 18 and 19 under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Hamilton casino. The new Annex A is **attached**.

Right of appeal

9. Pursuant to section 235 of the Act, a person affected by this decision may appeal that decision to the High Court. An appeal must be made within 15 working days of the date of notice of the Commission's decision, or any longer period that the High Court may allow.



Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

19th February 2018



ANNEX A

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables in accordance with approved floor plans subject to the following conditions and requirements:

1. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 11 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 3 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Tai Sai (SS) – up to 1 game
2. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 10 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat– 9 Box – up to 4 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
3. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 12 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
4. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 10 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 3 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
5. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 6 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 5 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
6. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 5 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 5 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games



7. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 1 game
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em – up to 1 game
8. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 8 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 1 game
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 5 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em – up to 1 game
9. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 8 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (22 player) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em – up to 1 game
10. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 8 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (23 player) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Lunar Poker – up to 1 game
11. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 8 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (12 player) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
12. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Electronic Roulette (12 player) – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em – up to 1 game



13. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em – up to 1 game
Snake Eyes – up to 1 game
14. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 6 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 7 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
15. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 7 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Snake Eyes – up to 1 game
16. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Black Jack/Pontoon 5 Box – up to 1 game
Roulette – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
Midi Baccarat – 7 Box – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
17. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 7 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – 7 Box – up to 2 games
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Casino War – up to 1 game
18. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 5 games
Black Jack/Pontoon 5 Box – up to 3 games
Roulette – up to 3 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 10 terminals) – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 6 games
Midi Baccarat – 7 Box – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game



19. Black Jack/Pontoon 7 Box – up to 5 games
Black Jack/Pontoon 5 Box – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 3 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 10 terminals) – up to 1 game
Midi Baccarat – 9 Box – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – 7 Box – up to 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Casino War – up to 1 game

Notes

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between game mixes 5 and 6 subject only to any requirements specified by way of Minimum Operating Standards. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between other approved table game mixes subject to providing the Inspectorate with prior notice.
2. For game mix 1, the Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on the Caribbean Stud Poker and Baccarat tables, and on no more than 50% of the Black Jack games specified.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on the Caribbean Stud Poker, Poker, Baccarat tables and Black Jack tables in all other game mixes.
4. The Licence Holder is permitted to conduct two alternative Poker games – Hold'em and Omaha.
5. Where Black Jack/Pontoon are subject to restricted wagering options, the Licence Holder shall permit up to 2 players only to wager on any 1 box and the layout shall be inscribed to this effect.
6. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes 2-12 comprises up to the number of terminals specified in each game mix and no manual table.
7. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes 18 and 19 comprises up to the number of terminals specified in each game mix and no manual table.
8. At least 50% of the total number of Midi Baccarat games in game mixes 2-19 shall be conducted in accordance with dealing style B, as set out in the rules of Baccarat.

