

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of a floor plan and a game mix

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members Present: G L Reeves (Chair)
K M Ford
M M Lythe
P J Stanley

Date of Application: 12 March 2007 (amended 20 March 2007)

Date of Decision: 20 April 2007

Date of Notification
of Decision: 1st May 2007

DECISION

**ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL
OF A FLOOR PLAN AND A GAME MIX**

Application

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (the "**Applicant**") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "**Commission**") for two approvals as follows:
 - (a) approval, under condition 11 of the Applicant's operator's licence, of a new permanent floor plan, "L(Perm)";
 - (b) approval, under condition 9 of the Applicant's operator's licence, of annex A incorporating a new game mix, game mix H.

Licence conditions

2. The relevant licence conditions are as follows:

SCML operator's licence

- 9 The Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mix(es) 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
- 11 The Licence Holder shall operate in accordance with approved floor layouts showing the position of gaming tables and gaming machines. 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.

Submissions by the Applicant

Permanent floor plan – Plan L(Perm)

3. The Applicant stated that, since the Commission approved Plan L(Perm) in decision GC32/06, it had identified a number of amendments it wished to make to the plan, involving the relocation of 18 gaming machines and six tables from Level 3 to the main gaming floor on Level 2. The Applicant stated that it would use the area over the Hobson Street Bus Terminal for the placement of the additional machines, and that the extra space would allow a more comfortable spread of product throughout the casino's Gambling Area.

New game mix – game mix H

4. Annex A, attached to the Applicant's operator's licence, presently specifies eight table game mixes. The Applicant sought the Commission's approval for an additional game mix, game mix H.
5. Compared to game mix A, which is the game mix representing the greatest level of opportunity for casino gambling at the Auckland casino, the Applicant submitted that game mix H has 24 fewer player spaces and would produce 172 fewer rounds of play per hour.

Submissions by the Secretary

6. The Secretary submitted that he had no objection to floor plan L(Perm), or the introduction of game mix H. He concurred with the Applicant's submission that the proposals would not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

Analysis

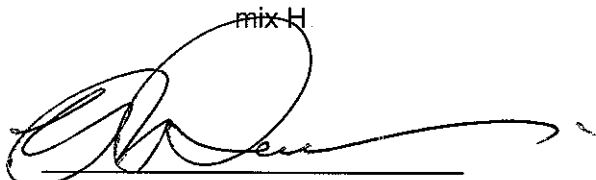
7. The Commission noted that the amendments to plan L(Perm) involved the relocation of 18 gaming machines and six tables, and was satisfied that the changes did not give rise to any issues of regulatory concern.
8. The Commission was satisfied that game mix H will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, compared with game mix A.
9. The Commission noted the Secretary was not opposed to either proposal.



Decision

10 The Commission decided unanimously to:

- (a) approve permanent floor plan, L(Perm) (**attached** to this decision), under condition 11 of the Applicant's operator's licence.
- (b) approve the new Annex A (**attached** to this decision) under condition 9 of the Applicant's operator's licence, which incorporates the additional game mix, game mix H.

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Graeme Reeves
Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

1st May 2007

ANNEX A

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- A
 - Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 44 games
 - Roulette – up to 24 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 10 games
 - Midi Baccarat – up to 17 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
- B
 - Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 42 games
 - Roulette – up to 22 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 1 game with up to 20 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 8 games
 - Midi Baccarat – up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
 - Poker – up to 4 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
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 - Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 41 games
 - Roulette – up to 22 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 1 game with up to 20 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat – up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
 - Poker – up to 6 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
- D(i)
 - Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 38 games
 - Roulette – up to 22 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 1 game with up to 20 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 8 games
 - Midi Baccarat – up to 19 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 9 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 6 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
- D(ii)
 - Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 39 games
 - Roulette – up to 22 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 1 game with up to 20 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 8 games
 - Midi Baccarat – up to 19 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 9 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 2 games
 - Poker – up to 6 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game



- E
- Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 36 games
 - Roulette – up to 21 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 1 game with up to 20 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 19 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 9 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 10 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
- F
- Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 39 games
 - Roulette – up to 23 games
 - Touchbet Roulette – 1 game with up to 14 player spaces
 - Rapid Roulette – 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 9 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 2 games
 - Poker – up to 6 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
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- Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 41 games
 - Roulette – up to 22 games
 - Rapid Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 4 games
 - Poker – up to 6 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Single Side) – 1 game
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game
- H
- Blackjack/Pontoon – up to 40 games
 - Roulette – up to 23 games
 - Rapid Roulette – up to 2 games with up to 21 player spaces
 - Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 7 games
 - Midi Baccarat- up to 18 games
 - Mini Baccarat – up to 7 games
 - Money Wheel (Double Side) – 1 game
 - Pai Gow – up to 3 games
 - Poker – up to 8 games with up to 10 player spaces
 - Tai Sai (Double Side) – 1 game

Notes

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the game mixes specified in A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H subject to providing the Commission and the Inspectorate with a minimum of 5 working days notice in writing of its intention to do so
2. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the game mixes specified in D(i) and D(ii) subject to the requirements specified by way of minimum operating standards.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on:



- the Poker tables specified in Game Mixes B, C, D, E, F, G and H; and
- 50 percent of open Blackjack tables specified in Game Mixes A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.

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