

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of new game mixes for the Hamilton casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
L M Hansen
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DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF NEW GAME MIXES 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 approval of new game mixes for the Hamilton casino.
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 currently has 17 approved game mixes. It wants to remove four of the existing game mixes (2, 3, 4 and 15) and to renumber the remaining game mixes (1-13). In addition, it wants two new game mixes, which will be numbered 14 and 15.
 - (b) The new game mixes 14 and 15 represent a minor variation to approved game mixes 12 and 13. In both cases one Midi Baccarat game is removed and replaced by one Black Jack game.

- (c) The impact of the proposed new game mixes on player spaces and opportunities is set out in the table below. The proposed game mixes have fewer player spaces and opportunities than the regulatory benchmark, game mix 1.

Game Mix	Player Spaces	Overall gambling opportunities
1	464	14,165
14	452	11,643
15	452	11,531

The Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary submitted, in summary, as follows:
- (a) The application will not increase opportunities for casino gambling.
- (b) SCML's arithmetic calculations appear to be accurate.

Analysis

5. SCML sought Commission approval to amend its game mix Annex; to remove redundant game mixes and incorporate new game mixes.
6. The Commission compared the proposed game mixes with the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling, game mix 1.
7. The Commission was satisfied that, in the round, the proposed game mixes would not increase opportunities for casino gambling compared to game mix 1. On the Commission's assessment, both of the proposed game mixes have fewer total player spaces and fewer overall opportunities than game mix 1.

Decision of the Commission

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



Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

11 April 2014



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 – up to 11 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 3 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
Tai Sai (single sided) – up to 1 game
2. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 10 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game
3. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 12 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
4. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 10 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 3 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (23 players) – up to 1 game
5. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 4 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 30 players) – up to 1 game
6. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 10 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (30 players) – up to 1 game

7. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 3 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (30 players) – up to 1 game
8. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 6 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game
9. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 5 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game
10. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 6 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 30 players) – up to 1 game
11. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 5 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
Roulette – up to 5 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
Money Wheel (single sided) – up to 1 game
Poker – up to 2 games
Electronic Roulette (up to 30 players) – up to 1 game
12. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 7 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 1 game
Roulette – up to 4 games
Midi Baccarat – up to 6 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker – up to 1 game
Rapid Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game

13. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 6 games
 Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
 Roulette – up to 4 games
 Midi Baccarat – up to 6 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
 3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
 Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker – up to 1 game
 Rapid Roulette (up to 30 players) – up to 1 game

14. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 games
 Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 1 game
 Roulette – up to 4 games
 Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
 3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
 Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker – up to 1 game
 Rapid Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game

15. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 7 games
 Black Jack/Pontoon (restricted options) – up to 2 games
 Roulette – up to 4 games
 Midi Baccarat – up to 5 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 2 games
 3 Card Poker – up to 1 game
 Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker – up to 1 game
 Rapid Roulette (up to 30 players) – up to 1 game

Notes

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between game mixes 8 and 9, and 10 and 11 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. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on the Caribbean Stud Poker and Poker tables specified and on no more than 50% of Black Jack games specified.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to conduct two alternative Poker games – Hold-em and Omaha.
4. 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.
5. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes 2-15 comprises up to the number of terminals specified in each game mix and no manual table.
6. At least 50% of the total number of Midi Baccarat games shall be conducted in accordance with dealing style B, as set out in the rules of Baccarat.