

**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 Auckland casino

**BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION**

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)  
R D Bell  
D C Matahaere-Atariki  
W N Harvey

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Date of Decision: 3 June 2016

Date of Notification of Decision: 24 June 2016

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

**Introduction**

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Commission, under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino, for approval of 13 new game mixes, AM-AY, for deployment on the Main Gaming Floor ("**MGF**").

**Licence condition**

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

**SCML's operator's licence (Auckland)**

9. The Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mix(es) specified by the Commission in Annex A attached to this Licence. As an alternative to Annex A, the Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mix(es) specified by the Commission in any additional annex approved by the Commission and attached to this Licence. The Licence Holder must give the Inspectorate prior notification before it commences operation under a different annex. The game types and game mixes specified in an annex can only be changed by the Commission.

**SCML's submissions**

3. SCML submitted, in summary, as follows:



- (a) It currently has approved game mixes as set out in Annexes A and B attached to the operator's licence for the Auckland casino. It seeks approval to revise Annex B to include an additional 13 new game mixes, AM-AY, which will be deployed on the MGF. There are no other changes to the game mixes for the other areas of the casino.
- (b) The new game mixes provide for additional Pai Gow or Midi Baccarat games, together with a reduction in the number of Poker games. As a result of these changes, it wants to reduce the number of player spaces on some other games by introducing 7 player Midi Baccarat and 5 box Black Jack for some combinations.
- (c) It is satisfied that the new game mixes will not increase casino gambling opportunities.
- (d) Attached to its application are tables of data for each game mix deployed in each Gambling Area. The data confirm that the new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

#### **The Secretary's submissions**

- 4. The Secretary submitted that he has no regulatory concerns with this proposal.

#### **Analysis**

- 5. SCML is seeking Commission approval to deploy 13 new game mixes on the MGF.
- 6. The Commission compared SCML's proposal against the approved benchmark which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Auckland casino, game mix A. In doing so, the Commission identified the game mix for each Gambling Area at the Auckland casino which offers the most opportunities, combined them, and compared the combination with game mix A. The Commission was satisfied, in the round, that SCML's proposal offered fewer overall opportunities than game mix A when regard was had to the player spaces, including the number of games with unlimited player spaces, and the relative speeds of the games introduced.




**Decision**

7. The Commission approved the amended Annex B under condition 9 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino. Annex B is **attached**.

**Right of appeal**

8. 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

24 June 2016



## ANNEX B

### GAME MIX A

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mix may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables, subject to the following conditions noted:

Black Jack/Pontoon (Manual Shuffle)	31 games
Black Jack/Pontoon (Auto Shuffle)	30 games
Caribbean Stud Poker (Auto Shuffle)	13 games
Midi Baccarat (Auto Shuffle)	23 games
Mini Baccarat (Auto Shuffle)	9 games
Money Wheel (Double Side)	3 games
Pai Gow	5 games
Roulette	31 games
Electronic Roulette	3 games
Tai Sai (double side)	1 game
Tai Sai (single side)	1 game

#### Notes for Game Mix A

1. The Electronic Roulette tables comprise up to 14 player spaces and no manual table.
2. Where table games provide for the use of automatic shufflers, the use of those shufflers shall be discretionary.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate alternative game mixes of up to 150 tables as specified in the Annex.

### GAME MIX A.1

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mix may also be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables, subject to the following conditions noted:

Black Jack/Pontoon (Auto Shuffle)	3 games
Caribbean Stud Poker (Auto Shuffle)	2 games
Midi Baccarat (Auto Shuffle)	2 games
Mini Baccarat (Auto Shuffle)	2 games
Pai Gow	1 game
Roulette	1 game
Tai Sai (double side)	1 game

#### Notes for Game Mix A.1

1. Where table games provide for the use of automatic shufflers, the use of those shufflers shall be discretionary.
2. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate alternative game mixes of up to 12 tables as specified in the Annex.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to substitute each table in Game Mix A.1 for up to 20 Automated Table Game terminals.
4. The Licence Holder may not substitute tables between Game Mix A and Game Mix A.1.



**ALTERNATIVE GAME MIXES (GAME MIX A)**

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

**In gaming salon 82 to the south of the elevators on level 5, any one of the following two table game mixes:**

	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1	I1	J1	K1	L1
Midi Baccarat	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Black Jack	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mini Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Three Card Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

together with

**In gaming salon 86 to the south of the elevators on level 5, any one of the following two table game mixes:**

	A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2	H2	I2	J2	K2	L2
Midi Baccarat	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Black Jack	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mini Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Three Card Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>



together with

In gaming salon 88 to the south of the elevators on level 5, any one of the following six table game mixes:

	A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3	H3	I3	J3	K3	L3	M3	N3	O3	P3	Q3	R3	S3	T3	U3	V3	W3	X3
Midi Baccarat	6	5	5	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	3	2
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	2
Black Jack	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2
Mini Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Card Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

In the gaming salon 81 to the north of the elevators on level 5, any one of the following four table game mixes:

	A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	H4	I4	J4	K4	L4	M4	N4	O4	P4	Q4	R4	S4	T4	U4	V4	W4	X4
Midi Baccarat	6	5	5	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	3	2
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	2	0	2	2
Black Jack	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	4	2	2	1	2
Mini Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Card Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

together with



In the area designated as Eight to the north of the elevators on level 5, any one of the following 22 table game mixes:

	A5	B5	C5	D5	E5
Midi Baccarat (9 box)	10	10	10	10	10
Midi Baccarat (7 box)	4	4	4	3	4
Roulette	4	4	4	4	3
Electronic Roulette/Electronic Baccarat/ Electronic Tai Sai	0	0	0	1	1
Black Jack (7 Box)	3	4	3	3	3
Pai Gow	1	0	0	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

together with

In the gaming salon Grand Horizon 1 on level 7 of the Grand Hotel, any one of the following four table game mixes:

	A6	B6	C6	D6	E6	F6	G6	H6	I6	J6	K6	L6	M6	N6	O6	P6	Q6	R6	S6	T6
Midi Baccarat	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	0
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	2
Black Jack	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	2
Mini Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Card Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

together with



In the gaming salon Grand Horizon 2 on level 7 of the Grand Hotel, any one of the following three table game mixes:

	A7	B7	C7	D7	E7	F7	G7	H7	I7	J7	K7
Midi	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baccarat	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	0
Roulette	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	0
Black Jack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

together with

In the gaming salon Grand Horizon 3 on level 7 of the Grand Hotel, any one of the following three table game mixes:

	A8	B8	C8	D8	E8	F8	G8	H8	I8	J8	K8	L8
Midi	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baccarat	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Roulette	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Black Jack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Baccarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pai Gow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
3 Card	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Poker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>



In all Gambling Areas other than the four gaming salons and VIP area known as 'Eight' on level 5, and the three VIP gaming salons on level 7 of the Grand Hotel, any one of the following 103 table game mixes:

	A9	B9	C9	D9	E9	F9	G9	H9	I9	J9	K9
Money Wheel (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (single side)	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pai Gow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3
Midi Baccarat	14	14	14	16	14	14	16	16	16	14	14
Poker	13	13	13	13	13	13	11	11	11	13	17
Electronic Roulette/Electronic Baccarat/Electronic Tai Sai	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mini Baccarat	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8
Roulette	18	18	18	18	17	18	18	18	18	18	18
Black Jack (7 Box)	32	32	33	30	32	32	30	31	32	32	28
Black Jack (5 Box)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
3 Card Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ultimate Texas Hold'em	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Lunar Poker	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>



	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
Money Wheel (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Money Wheel (single side)	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tai Sai (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (single side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pai Gow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3
Midi Baccarat	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	20	20	22	22	22	22	22
Poker	13	13	13	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	17
Electronic Roulette/Electronic Baccarat/Electronic Tai Sai	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mini Baccarat	6	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	6	4	6
Roulette	18	18	18	18	18	20	18	18	20	18	18	18	18	18
Black Jack (7 Box)	24	26	23	25	22	20	23	27	24	22	24	21	23	22
Black Jack (5 Box)	2	2	2	2	6	6	3	1	4	6	6	7	7	0
3 Card Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ultimate Texas Hold'em	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
Lunar Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>



	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL
Money Wheel (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Money Wheel (single side)	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (single side)	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pai Gow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3
Midi Baccarat	22	22	22	22	22	20	20	22	22	22	22	22	22
Poker	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	12	12
Electronic Roulette/Electronic Baccarat/Electronic Tai Sai	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mini Baccarat	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	4	6	4	6	4
Roulette	18	18	18	20	18	18	20	18	18	18	18	18	18
Black Jack (7 Box)	24	21	23	20	20	22	22	22	24	22	24	23	25
Black Jack (5 Box)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
3 Card Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ultimate Texas Hold'em	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
Lunar Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>



Game mix	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU	AV	AW	AX	AY
Money Wheel (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Money Wheel (single side)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tai Sai (double side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Sai (single side)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pai Gow	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3
Midi Baccarat	22	22	22	23	24	22	22	22	23	24	22	23	24
Poker	11	10	10	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	11	11	11
Electronic Roulette/Electronic Baccarat/Electronic Tai Sai	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4
Mini Baccarat	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	6
Roulette	18	20	20	20	20	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Black Jack (7 Box)	20	19	22	20	20	19	21	24	22	22	20	20	20
Black Jack (5 Box)	6	7	4	6	6	8	7	4	6	6	6	6	6
3 Card Poker	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ultimate Texas Hold'em	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Lunar Poker	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>

**Notes for the alternative game mixes:**

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change game mixes subject to providing the Inspectorate with prior notification including notification of the electronic table type(s) associated with that game mix.
2. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on each of the Black Jack, Caribbean Stud Poker, Baccarat, Poker, 3-Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, Casino War and Lunar Poker tables.
3. 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.
4. All Midi Baccarat games in salons 81, 82, 86 and 88 shall have 7 boxes only.
5. Electronic Roulette, electronic Baccarat and electronic Tai Sai tables comprise up to 30 player tables and no manual table. The games may be used interchangeably.
6. The number of player spaces at Poker tables (other than Caribbean Stud Poker and 3-Card Poker) may not exceed 10, even if game rules provide for more.

