

**IN THE MATTER** of the Gambling Act 2003  
**AND** on applications 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)  
R D Bell  
D C Matahaere-Atariki  
W N Harvey

Date of Application: 29 June 2017

Date of Decision: 14 July 2017

Date of Notification  
of Decision:  July 2017

**DECISION ON APPLICATIONS 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 of one new game mix, 17, 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 one new game mix, game mix 17, to incorporate the addition of a Casino War game.



- (b) To ensure it does not exceed the number of player spaces associated with the regulatory benchmark it is utilising two 7-box Midi Baccarat tables.
- (c) Unless stated otherwise, Black Jack tables continue to be conducted on 7-box tables and Midi Baccarat on 9-box tables.
- (a) The new game mix 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
17	462	12,237

### The Secretary's submissions

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

### Analysis

5. SCML is seeking approval to introduce one additional game mix which incorporates the addition of a Casino War game.
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. A table comparing game mix 1 with the proposed new game mix 17 is as follows:

	Game mix 1	Game mix 17
Black Jack – 7 Box (M)	6	0
Black Jack – 7 Box (C)	5	7
Roulette	5	4
Midi Baccarat (Style A) – 9 Box	3	2
Midi Baccarat (Style B) – 9 Box	0	3
Midi Baccarat (Style A) – 7 Box	0	1
Midi Baccarat (Style B) – 7 Box	0	1
Mini Baccarat	1	0
Caribbean Stud Poker	2	2
Tai Sai (single-side)	1	0
Money Wheel (single-side)	0	1
3 Card poker	0	1
Casino War	0	1
<b>Total notional player spaces</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>462</b>
<b>Total notional opportunities</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>12,237</b>

8. SCML has provided arithmetical data which suggests that the number of player spaces and overall opportunities on the proposed game mixes are less than those generated by

game mix 1. While this arithmetical data is never determinative, there appears to be a sufficient difference to suggest that SCML's proposal will not increase opportunities.

9. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed new game mix would not increase opportunities for casino gambling compared to game mix 1.

#### **Decision of the Commission**

10. The Commission approved the new game mix 17 under conditions 9 and 10 of SCML's operator's licence for the Hamilton casino. The new Annex A is **attached**.

#### **Right of appeal**

11. 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

25<sup>th</sup> July 2017



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Date of Addendum: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**ADDENDUM TO DECISION GC12/17**

1. On 14 July 2017 the Commission considered an application by SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("SCML") for approval of one new game mix 17, in accordance with condition 9 of its operator's licence for the Hamilton Casino.
2. On 25 July 2017 the Commission released decision GC12/17 approving the new game mix. However there was a typographical error in the printing of the Annex appended to the decision, which was then attached to SCML's operator's licence. The Commission has therefore reissued Annex A, appended to decision GC12/17, and updated the operator's licence accordingly.
3. The new Annex A is appended to this addendum.



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## 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 Restricted – 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 Restricted – 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 Restricted – 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 Restricted – 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 Restricted – 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

#### 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. At least 50% of the total number of Midi Baccarat games in game mixes 2-17 shall be conducted in accordance with dealing style B, as set out in the rules of Baccarat.

