

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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**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 of one new game mix.

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 currently has 19 approved game mixes and seeks approval for one new game mix, game mix 20.

- (b) Game mix 20 is the same as game mix 19 but includes Snake Eyes at the expense of Electronic Roulette. Game mixes 19 and 20 are as follows:

	Game mix 19	Game mix 20
Black Jack	7	7
Roulette	4	4
Midi Baccarat	6	6
Caribbean Stud Poker	2	2
3 Card poker	1	1
Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker	1	1
Money Wheel (single-side)	1	1
Rapid Roulette	1	0
Snake Eyes	0	1

- (c) Snake Eyes has fewer player spaces than Electronic Roulette, and a slower rate of play.
- (d) 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
20	444	11,787

The Secretary's submissions

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

Analysis

5. SCML sought Commission approval to amend its game mix Annex to incorporate one new game mix, game mix 20.
6. In concept, the Commission's task in assessing applications of this nature is to compare the proposed new game mix with the currently approved game mix which offers the most casino gambling opportunities in order to decide, in the round, whether the proposal would increase opportunities for casino gambling above those already allowed. However in this case, the more practical approach was to compare proposed game mix 20 with the already approved game mix 19, in light of the similarities between them. The Commission had previously assessed game mix 19 as having fewer opportunities for casino gambling than the approved mix which allowed the most opportunities, game mix 1.
7. The only difference between game mixes 19 and 20 is that game mix 20 includes one game of Snake Eyes, instead of one game of Electronic Roulette. Snake Eyes has fewer

theoretical player spaces (11) than Electronic Roulette (12-30) and a slower rate of play (16 compared to 18). Accordingly, the Commission was satisfied that approving game mix 20 would not increase opportunities for casino gambling and that it was appropriate to approve it for deployment.

Decision of the Commission

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



Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

11 November 2016



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
16. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 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 22 players) – up to 1 game
17. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 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
Lunar Poker – up to 1 game
Rapid Roulette (up to 23 players) – up to 1 game
18. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 8 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
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Rapid Roulette (up to 12 players) – up to 1 game



19. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 7 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
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Rapid Roulette (up to 12 players) – up to 1 game
Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker – up to 1 game
20. Black Jack/Pontoon – up to 7 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
Money Wheel (SS) – up to 1 game
Snake Eyes – 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. 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 2-19 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 2-20 shall be conducted in accordance with dealing style B, as set out in the rules of Baccarat.

