

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND of an application by
**CHRISTCHURCH
CASINOS LIMITED** for
approval of a digital video
recording system

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: P Chin (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
K M Ford
M M Lythe
P J Stanley
G L Reeves

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Date of Decision: 21 July 2006

Date of Notification of Decision: 2 August 2006

DECISION

**ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL OF A DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM**

Application

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("**CCL**") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "**Commission**") under condition 1 of its venue licence for approval to install a digital video recording system to replace its existing analogue video cassette recording system.

Licence condition

2. Condition 1 of CCL's venue licence (as amended by the Commission by decision GC06/04) provides as follows:

Casino premises to be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation in accordance with application

The casino premises shall be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation generally in accordance with the application of the licence holder or with such changes as may from time to time be approved by the Commission, provided however that nothing in this condition shall apply in respect of any matter specified in the second schedule to the Casino Control Act 1990 (the "**Act**").

Submissions by CCL

3. CCL submitted that installation of the "VST-600" Digital Video Recording system would enhance its recording capabilities and represented an upgrade on the system currently in operation.
4. CCL submitted that the proposed recording system met or exceeded the requirements of the Surveillance Policy ("**Policy**") approved by the Casino Control Authority, and noted that VST recorders were already in operation at the SKYCITY Auckland casino.
5. CCL noted that the system was compatible with its existing CCTV system. Camera placement and views will remain the same.

Submissions by the Secretary

6. The Secretary submitted that he is "comfortable" with the VST system but cannot, ahead of installation, state whether it will meet the required standards. The Secretary noted, however, that no problems had been experienced with the same system at the Auckland casino, and that the VST system there met the requirements of the Policy.

Analysis

7. The application involves CCL changing from an analogue video recording system to a digital recording system. The Commission is satisfied that this represents an upgrade on the existing system and will enhance CCL's recording capabilities. The Commission noted that the Secretary had no concerns with the VST system and the intention of the local Inspectorate to work closely with CCL following installation to ensure that the system meets the requirements of the Policy.
8. The Commission was satisfied that the proposal satisfied the criteria set out in section 139(2) of the Act.

Decision of Commission

9. The Commission decided unanimously to approve the application under condition 1 of CCL's premises licence. The digital VST system will, on installation, be required to meet the standards specified in the Policy.

**GAMBLING
COMMISSION**

Peter Chin
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

2 August 2006