

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND of an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of a new game mix Annex for the Hamilton casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: Lisa Hansen (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
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Date of Application: 1 November 2021

Date of Decision: 3 December 2021

Date of Notification
of Decision: 6 December 2021

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

Application

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Commission for approval of a new game mix Annex, under condition 9 of its operator's licence for the Hamilton casino.

Licence condition

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

SCML's operator's licence (Queenstown)

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, as follows:
 - (a) It seeks approval to introduce five new game mixes, game mixes 31-35, to its approved game mix Annex. The current game mixes incorporate electronic tables and it is intended that one of the electronic tables may also accept wagers manually in four of the proposed game mixes.

- (b) The proposed new game mixes provide fewer opportunities than its benchmark game mix, game mix 1, as follows:

Game mix	Player spaces	Overall opportunities
1	464	14165
31	433	11,259
32	433	11,546
33	435	11,601
34	433	11,532
35	430	11,503

Submissions by the Secretary

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

Analysis

5. SCML has approval to deploy game mixes 1-30 at the Hamilton Casino and now seeks approval to deploy five new games, 31-35.
6. The Commission's usual approach for approving new game mixes is to compare the proposed game mixes with the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling and form a view, in the round, on whether they will increase opportunities for casino gambling. The Commission makes the assessment on a common-sense basis, rather than by calculating opportunities based upon a formula, or tables of data.
7. Game mix 1 is the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities at Hamilton casino. The Commission compared each new game mix with game mix 1 and was satisfied that, in the round, none of them will increase opportunities for casino gambling. The proposed game mixes raise no other issues of regulatory concern.

Decision

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

Right of appeal

9. 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.



Lisa Hansen
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

6 December 2021



ANNEX A

1.	Blackjack/Pontoon	up to 11 games
	Roulette	up to 5 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	up to 3 games
	Mini Baccarat	up to 1 game
	Tai Sai (single sided)	up to 1 game
2.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 10 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals)	Up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 4 games
	Money Wheel (single sided)	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 2 games
3.	Blackjack/Pontoon	up to 12 games
	Roulette	up to 4 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals)	up to 1 game
	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
4.	Blackjack/Pontoon	up to 10 games
	Roulette	up to 4 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals)	up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	up to 3 games
	Mini Baccarat	up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (single sided)	up to 1 game
	Poker	up to 2 games
5.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (restricted options)	Up to 2 games
	Roulette	Up to 5 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals)	Up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 5 games
	Money Wheel (single sided)	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 2 games
6.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 5 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (restricted options)	Up to 2 games
	Roulette	Up to 5 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals)	Up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 5 games
	Mini Baccarat	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (single sided)	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 2 games

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| 7. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 7 games |
| | Blackjack/Pontoon (restricted options) | Up to 1 game |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 6 games |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker | Up to 1 game |
| 8. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 8 games |
| | Blackjack/Pontoon (restricted options) | Up to 1 game |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 5 games |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker | Up to 1 game |
| 9. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 8 games |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 22 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 6 games |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker | Up to 1 game |
| 10. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 8 games |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 23 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 6 games |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Lunar Poker | Up to 1 game |
| 11. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 8 games |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 12 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 6 games |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Money Wheel (SS) | Up to 1 game |
| 12. | Blackjack/Pontoon | Up to 7 games |
| | Roulette | Up to 4 games |
| | Electronic Roulette (up to 12 terminals) | Up to 1 game |
| | Caribbean Stud Poker | Up to 2 games |
| | Midi Baccarat | Up to 6 games |
| | Money Wheel (SS) | Up to 1 game |
| | 3 Card Poker | Up to 1 game |
| | Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker | Up to 1 game |

13.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 7 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 6 games
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker	Up to 1 game
	Snake Eyes	Up to 1 game
14.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (restricted options)	Up to 2 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 7 games
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
15.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 7 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	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.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 7 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (5 box)	Up to 1 game
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	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.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 7 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Midi Baccarat	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
18.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 5 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (5 box)	Up to 3 game
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 10 terminals)	Up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 6 games
	Midi Baccarat (7 box)	Up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game

19.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 5 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (5 box)	Up to 2 games
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Electronic Roulette (up to 10 terminals)	Up to 1 game
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 5 games
	Midi Baccarat (7 box)	Up to 2 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
	Casino War	Up to 1 game
20.	Blackjack/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
	Texas Hold'em Poker	Up to 1 game
21.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Blackjack/Pontoon (5 box)	Up to 1 game
	Roulette	Up to 5 games
	Midi Baccarat	Up to 6 games
	Midi Baccarat (7 box)	Up to 1 game
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
22.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 7 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
23.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 7 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
24.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 7 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games

25.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 7 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
26.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 7 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 1 game
27.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 6 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
28.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 6 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	Money Wheel (SS)	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
29.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 6 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
30.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 8 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box)	Up to 6 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai, Baccarat (up to 12 terminals)	Up to 2 games

31.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 4 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style A	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style B	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat (12 terminals)	Up to 2 games
	Ultimate Texas Hold'em	Up to 1 game
32.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style A	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style B	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat (8 terminals)	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat with manual wagers on roulette layout	Up to 1 game
33.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style A	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style B	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	Money Wheel (single-side)	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat (8 terminals)	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat with manual wagers on roulette layout	Up to 1 game
34.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style A	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style B	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 1 game
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat (8 terminals)	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat with manual wagers on roulette layout	Up to 1 game
	Ultimate Texas Hold'em	Up to 1 game

35.	Blackjack/Pontoon	Up to 6 games
	Roulette	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style A	Up to 3 games
	Midi Baccarat (8 box) – Style B	Up to 4 games
	Caribbean Stud Poker	Up to 2 games
	3 Card Poker	Up to 1 game
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat (8 terminals)	Up to 2 games
	Electronic Roulette/Tai Sai/Baccarat With manual wagers on roulette layout	Up to 1 game
	Ultimate Texas Hold'em	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 Blackjack games specified.
3. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on the Caribbean Stud Poker, Poker, 3 Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, Casino War, Baccarat and Blackjack 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 terminals only to wager on any 1 box and the layout shall be inscribed to this effect.
6. The Electronic Roulette tables comprise up to the number of terminals specified in each game mix and no manual table except as specified in Note 9 below.
7. At least 50% of the total number of Midi Baccarat games in game mixes 2-35 shall be conducted in accordance with dealing style B or D, as set out in the rules of Baccarat.
8. Electronic dice tumblers may be used on any Tai Sai game and U-Spin devices approved by the Department of Internal Affairs may be used on any Roulette games.
9. When game mixes 32-35 are deployed, up to 24 player terminals may be used interchangeably across Electronic Baccarat, Electronic Tai Sai and Electronic Roulette. This means that the terminals may be used on one of the electronic games, or on a combination of the three electronic games. Where an Electronic Roulette game is used, the Roulette table attached to the Electronic Roulette game may also be used to accept manual wagers.