

**IN THE MATTER** of the Gambling Act 2003  
**AND** on applications by **OTAGO CASINOS LIMITED** for approval of new game mixes for the Wharf casino

**BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION**

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)  
L M Hansen  
R D Bell  
A K Foote

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Date of Decision: 6 December 2013

Date of Notification  
of Decision: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013

**DECISION ON APPLICATIONS BY OTAGO CASINOS LIMITED  
FOR APPROVAL OF NEW GAME MIXES FOR THE WHARF CASINO**

**Introduction**

1. Otago Casinos Limited ("**OCL**") applied to the Commission for approval of three new game mixes for the Wharf casino, under condition 9 of OCL's operator's licence.

**Licence conditions**

2. The relevant licence conditions are as follows:

**Operator's licence**

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.

**OCL's submissions**

3. OCL submitted, in summary, as follows:
  - (a) It presently has an approved game mix Annex for the Wharf casino, which contains four game mixes.
  - (b) It wants to add three new game mixes to this Annex; game mixes E, F and G.
  - (c) The proposed game mixes have fewer player spaces than the regulatory benchmark, as follows:



Game mix	Player spaces
A	126
E	101
F	112
G	112

- (d) The notional opportunities associated with the new game mixes are less than those associated than the regulatory benchmark, game mix A as follows:

Game mix	Overall opportunities
A	4,226
E	2,202
F	2,756
G	3,035

#### The Secretary's submissions

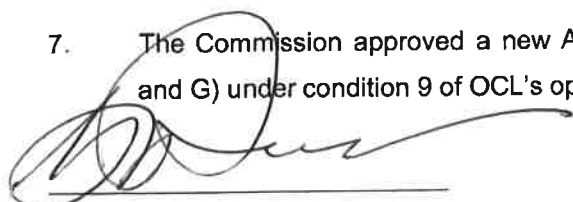
4. The Secretary submitted that the proposed new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

#### Analysis

5. OCL made two separate applications to the Commission for approval of 3 new game mixes for the Wharf casino. The first application, dated 5 November 2013, was for approval of game mix E; while the second application, dated 15 November 2013, was for approval of game mixes F and G.
6. The Commission compared the proposed game mixes with the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling. Game mix A is the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling. The Commission was satisfied, in the round, that OCL's proposed game mixes offer fewer overall opportunities for casino gambling than game mix A.

#### Decision of the Commission

7. The Commission approved a new Annex (**attached**) (which included game mixes E, F and G) under condition 9 of OCL's operator's licence.



Graeme Reeves  
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the  
Gambling Commission

13<sup>th</sup> December 2013



## ANNEX A

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

- A. Black Jack – up to 3 games  
Roulette – up to 1 game  
Black Jack/Mini Baccarat – up to 2 games
- B. Black Jack – up to 3 games  
Roulette – up to 1 game  
Black Jack/Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game  
Poker/Midi Baccarat – up to 1 game
- C. Poker – up to 4 games  
Poker/Black Jack – up to 1 game  
Poker/Midi Baccarat – up to 1 game
- D. Black Jack – up to 2 games  
Black Jack/Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game  
Roulette – up to 1 game  
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game  
Poker – up to 1 game
- E. Black Jack – up to 2 games  
Roulette – up to 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game  
Poker – up to 1 game
- F. Black Jack – up to 3 games  
Roulette – up to 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game
- G. Black Jack – up to 2 games  
Black Jack/Mini Baccarat – up to 1 game  
Roulette – up to 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – up to 1 game

### Notes

- (a) The Licence Holder is permitted to change between game mixes A, B, C, D, E, F and G subject to providing the Inspectorate with a minimum of five working days notice in writing of its intention to do so, unless a shorter notice period is agreed with the Inspectorate on a case-by-case basis.
- (b) The Licence Holder must comply with the notification and other requirements specified in the Casino's Minimum Operating Standards for Flip Top Tables when flipping tables.
- (c) The number of player spaces at the Midi Baccarat table may not exceed 18, with no more than two players per player wagering area (even if game rules provide for more spaces).
- (d) The Licence Holder is permitted to operate an automatic shuffler on the Caribbean Stud Poker table.

