

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval to relocate an EFTPOS terminal at the Auckland casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
L M Hansen
R D Bell
D C Matahaere-Atariki
W N Harvey

Date of Application: 16 December 2016

Date of Decision: 10 February 2017

Date of Notification
of Decision: 14 February 2017

**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO RELOCATE AN EFTPOS TERMINAL AT THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

Introduction

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") (the "**Applicant**") applied to the Commission for approval, under condition 13 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino, to relocate three EFTPOS terminals.

Licence condition

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

SCML operator's licence (Auckland)

13. The Licence Holder is prohibited from dispensing cash from EFTPOS and like devices in the Gambling Area unless approved by the Commission. The approval of the Commission shall be revocable at the discretion of the Commission and may be subject to such conditions as the Commission may from time to time impose.

SCML submissions

6. SCML submitted, in summary, as follows:
 - (a) The Commission has previously approved the deployment of 22 cash-dispensing EFTPOS terminals in the Gambling Area of the Auckland



casino. Those terminals have been approved for deployment in the following areas:

Main Cage	7
Western Cage	3
Diamond Room	2
Platinum Room	3
VIP Black	2
Baccarat Room	2
Eight	2
Rouge	1

- (b) Currently it has only six of the approved seven approval terminals installed in the Main Cage.
- (c) It is proposed to close the Western Cage in mid-January and would like to relocate the three EFTPOS terminals currently housed in that location to the Main Cage. As it currently operates only six terminals in the Main Cage it can relocate one terminal to this location without recourse to the Commission. However the relocation of the other two terminals requires the Commission's approval pursuant to condition 13.
- (d) If approved, this will bring the overall number of cash-dispensing EFTPOS terminals deploy in the Gambling Areas to 21, one less than the 22 originally approved by the Commission.
- (e) The 21 terminals would be installed as follows:
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| Main Cage | 9 |
| Diamond Room | 2 |
| Platinum Room | 3 |
| VIP Black | 2 |
| Baccarat Room | 2 |
| Eight | 2 |
| Rouge | 1 |

The Secretary's submissions

7. The Secretary submitted that he had no regulatory concerns with the proposal.

Analysis

8. In previous decisions, the Commission has determined that SCML can operate up to 22 cash-dispensing EFTPOS terminals in the casino's Gambling Area. By this application SCML did not propose to increase the number of these terminals, rather it proposed to relocate a single terminal from one part of the Gambling Area to another. The proposal raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Further, the terminal is being relocated to a place where there are already EFTPOS terminals and it is proposed to service customers better from this existing area.

Decision

9. The Commission approved, under condition 13 of SCML's operator's licence, the relocation of three cash-dispensing EFTPOS terminals.

Right of appeal

10. 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

14 February 2017

