

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2013-15

CONSIDERATION OF ROCK OHIO CAESARS LLC'S PROPOSED DEBT TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 6(C)(4) of the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio Casino Control Commission ("Commission") to ensure the integrity of casino gaming by, among other things, licensing and regulating all gaming authorized by Article XV, Section 6(C) of the Ohio Constitution;

WHEREAS, R.C. 3772.03 authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations as are necessary for completing the functions of licensing, regulating, investigating, and penalizing, among others, casino operators, management companies, and holding companies;

WHEREAS, R.C. 3772.03(D)(1) and (27) mandate that the Commission prescribe rules to, among other things, prevent practices detrimental to the public and provide for any other thing necessary and proper for successful and efficient regulation of casino gaming under R.C. Chapter 3772, respectively;

WHEREAS, R.C. 3772.28(C) authorizes the Commission to adopt rules governing its review and approval of proposed debt transactions, which it did through adoption of Ohio Adm. Code Chapter 3772-29;

WHEREAS, R.C. 3772.28(A) and (B) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-29-01(B) require a licensed casino operator to obtain Commission approval before entering into a debt transaction, which is any transaction by the operator concerning a casino facility totaling \$500,000.00 or more in which the operator acquires debt;

WHEREAS, R.C. 3772.28(A) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-29-01(B)(4) require the licensed casino operator's request for approval of a debt transaction to include, at a minimum, the following supporting documentation:

- (A) The names and addresses of all parties to the debt transaction;
- (B) The amount of the funds involved;
- (C) The type of debt transaction;
- (D) The source of the funds to be obtained;
- (E) All sources of collateral, including, but not limited to, all assets pledged by the operator as security for the debt transaction;
- (F) The purpose of the debt transaction;
- (G) The terms of the debt transaction;

- (H) All filings and documents that must be submitted to any regulatory agency in association with the debt transaction;
- (I) An executive summary of the debt transaction, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) all material terms of the debt transaction; (ii) an explanation of the projected debt to equity ratio after entering into the proposed debt transaction; (iii) an explanation of the terms and procedures in case of default by the casino operator; (iv) an explanation of the process used to select the persons involved in the debt transaction; (v) a list of prior debt transactions between the casino operator and the persons involved in the debt transaction; and (vi) an explanation of the due diligence conducted, including supporting documentation, as required by Ohio Adm. Code 3772-29-01(C);
- (J) All documents that memorialize the terms, conditions, and/or covenants of the debt transaction, including any supporting documents referenced therein;
- (K) A certification that the casino operator holds a direct or indirect ownership or leasehold interest in the casino facility; and
- (L) Any other information deemed necessary by the Commission;

WHEREAS, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-29-01(B)(1) requires that the request for approval and all supporting documentation be submitted to the Commission no later than 30 days before approval of the proposed debt transaction will be considered by the Commission, unless otherwise waived or modified by the Commission;

WHEREAS, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-29-01(B)(2) requires the presence of a representative from the requesting casino operator to answer any questions posed by the Commission;

WHEREAS, Rock Ohio Caesars LLC, the parent company of and on behalf of Rock Ohio Caesars Cleveland LLC and Rock Ohio Caesars Cincinnati LLC— licensed casino operators — (“ROC”) submitted to the Commission a timely request for approval of a proposed debt transaction and the requisite supporting documentation;

WHEREAS, Spectrum Gaming Group (“Spectrum”) has been appointed by the Commission to assist and collaborate with Commission staff in conducting a due diligence review of ROC’s proposed debt transaction;

WHEREAS, Spectrum and Commission Staff reviewed ROC’s request for approval of the proposed debt transaction and all documentation submitted in support thereof and, subsequent to the public meeting on June 19, 2013, filed a comprehensive report of the proposed debt transaction, including a recommendation to approve ROC’s proposed transaction (“Joint Report”); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has heard from representatives of ROC at its public meeting on June 19, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that ROC’s proposed debt transaction is **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) ROC's certification that the proceeds obtained in connection with this debt transaction will be used by ROC as proposed in its official request for approval, filed April 12, 2013 and updated April 23, 2013; any proposed deviation from the certified uses requires ROC to immediately notify the Commission in writing and receive Commission approval before implementation;
- (B) Immediately upon designation of a property manager for the Cleveland casino facility, ROC must notify the Commission in writing, which includes copies of the applicable management agreement and any other documents related to the designation;
- (C) Immediately after acquiring the Higbee Building, ROC must provide the Commission with copies of the executed purchase agreement and any documents related thereto;
- (D) Executed copies of all documents relating to the debt transaction must be filed with the Commission within 10 days of execution;
- (E) The debt transaction documents must provide that the lender, noteholder, and/or secured party agrees that all liens, claims, and interests in favor of the state of Ohio have priority over any lien, claim, or interest in favor of the lender, noteholder, and/or secured party and any of their heirs, executors, affiliates (e.g., entities under common ownership directly or indirectly), administrators, legal representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns;
- (F) Within 15 days of closing, and periodically thereafter if requested by the Commission, ROC must file with the Commission a list of all of the initial lenders and/or noteholders as applicable;
- (G) Concurrently with submitting any periodic financial reports or compliance certificates as required by the debt transaction documents, ROC must provide copies thereof to the Commission;
- (H) ROC must notify the Commission immediately upon the removal or resignation of any administrative agent, indenture trustee, or the like under the debt transaction documents;
- (I) ROC must notify the Commission immediately upon any known event of a breach of a representation, warranty, or covenant, or of a default, acceleration, breach, or similar matter;
- (J) ROC must provide the Commission copies of any proposed amendments and agreed upon amendments to the debt transaction documents; any material change, as determined by the Commission, to the debt transaction documents requires Commission approval;
- (K) ROC must cooperate with the Commission and its employees and agents and must produce any documentation as may be further requested with respect to this debt transaction; and

- (L) ROC must provide, upon approval of this debt transaction, quarterly reports regarding ROC's compliance with the payment terms of the transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 2013-15 does not in any way affect, negate, or otherwise absolve ROC, and any of its holding companies or subsidiaries, from their obligations to comply with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder and all other conditions imposed by the Commission through resolution or otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 2013-15 does not restrict or limit the Commission's future exercise of authority and discretion with respect to imposing additional conditions or taking further action with respect to ROC, and any of its holding companies or subsidiaries, under R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder.

Adopted:

June 19, 2013