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Dear Mr Bates,

We refer to the Council's decision to grant to us a provisional statement for a large casino at the Royal Pier upon execution of the agreed Schedule 9 Agreement, which took place on 29 March 2016. Until that date, no provisional statement could be issued to us.

As the Council is only too well aware, we have unfortunately been unable to progress our large casino due to circumstances entirely beyond our control. Specifically, the construction of our large casino is wholly dependent upon the reclamation from the sea of the land upon which it will be built and that work has not yet commenced.

We know that the Council shares our frustration at this lack of progress.

We therefore write pursuant to schedule 9 paragraph 4 of the Gambling Act 2005 to request an extension to the three-year duration of our provisional statement. We understand entirely that the Council will wish to retain some control over the pace and timing of delivery and that the Council has a wide discretion when determining the length of any such extension. We would propose however that a period of a further three years would be appropriate, given that through no fault of our own, we remain in a broadly similar position to when the provisional statement was granted to us.

We are not aware that the Council has a prescribed application form for this request for an extension, or indeed that one has been prescribed by Government, but we will of course provide any further information or attend any meeting which the Council would find helpful before making a decision.

We wish to assure the Council that we remain as committed as ever to this ambitious venture and very much believe that we will still have the opportunity of delivering this large casino to Southampton and helping drive forward the Royal Pier scheme as a whole.

Yours sincerely


Derek Playford
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