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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: SKYCITY ENTERTAINMENT GROUP LIMITED (SKC)
3Q17 TRADING UPDATE**

Please find **attached** the company's 3Q17 trading update.

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Yours faithfully



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Company Secretary

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- Average NZ\$/A\$ cross-rate for 3Q17 of 0.935 (3Q16: 0.915)
- Revenue (incl Gaming GST), calculated as gaming win (incl GST) plus non-gaming revenue (excl GST), is shown to facilitate Australasian comparisons
- Normalised revenue is adjusted for International Business (“IB”) at the theoretical win rate of 1.35% versus an actual win rate of 1.27% in 3Q17 (3Q16: 1.54%)
- Totals, subtotals and percentages may not agree due to rounding
- The figures in this presentation are taken from management accounts and accordingly are unaudited and have not been reviewed by SKYCITY’s external auditors

3Q17 Update – Group Revenue By Business Unit

	3Q17 \$m	3Q16 \$m	Movement %	FY17 YTD \$m	FY16 YTD \$m	Movement %
New Zealand (excl IB)						
■ Auckland	141.8	144.0	(1.5%)	425.7	417.9	1.9%
<i>Auckland (on a like-for-like basis)⁽¹⁾</i>	141.8	140.1	1.2%	423.6	408.9	3.6%
■ Hamilton	14.3	13.5	5.7%	43.9	41.1	6.8%
■ Combined Queenstown / Other	2.8	3.2	(12.4%)	8.9	9.8	(9.2%)
Total New Zealand	158.9	160.7	(1.2%)	478.5	468.8	2.1%
<i>Total New Zealand (on a like-for-like basis)⁽²⁾</i>	158.9	156.9	1.3%	476.4	459.8	3.6%
Australia (excl IB)						
■ Adelaide (A\$)	36.0	36.6	(1.8%)	113.1	115.0	(1.7%)
■ Darwin (A\$)	23.2	24.4	(5.0%)	85.5	89.4	(4.4%)
Total Australia (A\$)	59.2	61.0	(3.1%)	198.6	204.4	(2.8%)
Total Australia (NZ\$)	63.3	66.8	(5.2%)	210.2	224.0	(6.2%)
Normalised IB Revenue	38.2	36.3	5.1%	97.5	132.9	(26.6%)
Group Normalised Revenue	260.3	263.8	(1.3%)	786.1	825.8	(4.8%)
<i>Group Normalised Revenue (on a like-for-like basis)⁽²⁾</i>	260.3	259.9	0.2%	784.0	816.8	(4.0%)
IB adjusted to actual win rate (%)	(2.3)	5.1		5.1	9.2	
Group Reported Revenue	258.1	268.9	(4.0%)	791.2	835.0	(5.3%)

(1) Auckland revenue (excl IB) presented on a like-for-like basis reflecting the cessation of the Air NZ Koru catering contract in 1Q17 (contract contributed ~NZ\$2.5-3.0m in revenue per quarter but only made a minor contribution to earnings) and an additional trading day in 3Q16 (due to the leap year)

(2) Total New Zealand revenue (excl IB) and group normalised revenue presented on a like-for-like basis consistent with the items in footnote (1)

Group

- 3Q17 normalised group revenue flat on the pcip on a like-for-like basis
- Key highlight of revenue performance was a 5.1% increase in IB turnover on the pcip
- Other main driver was slight growth in NZ revenue, offset by softer Australian revenue and a weaker A\$ vs. NZ\$

New Zealand – Revenue (excl IB) 1.3% (on a like-for-like basis)

- Auckland revenue up slightly (1.2%) on a like-for-like basis relative to a record pcip, with flat gaming revenue and modest growth in non-gaming revenue
- LTM gaming machine revenue growth at Auckland of 5.2% is consistent with growth achieved by Auckland pubs & clubs over the same period
- Hamilton continues to trade positively due to increased gaming activity and the new ten-pin bowling facility
- Slight margin increases achieved at both Auckland and Hamilton

Australia – A\$ Revenue (excl IB) (3.1%)

- Marginally weaker revenue in Adelaide, but further increases achieved in gaming machine market share on the pcip
- Darwin continues to be adversely impacted by challenging trading conditions and competitive pressures
- Margin reductions experienced at both Australian properties

International Business – Normalised Revenue 5.1%

- Turnover and normalised revenue higher on the pcip following strong activity over the Chinese New Year period
- Actual win rate of 1.27%, slightly below the theoretical win rate of 1.35%
- Improvement in margin consistent with increases in activity levels and reflective of operating leverage achievable in the business

Other Financial Results

- Previous guidance for FY17 corporate costs, net interest expense, D&A and effective tax rate is reaffirmed
- No change to previous market guidance for FY17 capex

Major Growth Projects

- NZICC and Hobson St hotel projects continue to progress on-budget and on-target for completion in Q1 2019
- Adelaide Casino expansion project remains subject to discussions with the SA Government and IGA regarding further gaming concessions

Board and Management

- Graeme Stephens has now commenced as CEO, and John Mortensen is now Group COO
- Luke Walker commenced as GM Adelaide in February, and Stewart Neish starts as IB President in early June
- Rob Campbell to be appointed as a non-executive director, subject to regulatory approvals

NZ

- Auckland still expected to achieve modest earnings growth on the pcip in 2H17, due to major events in 4Q17 and a slightly easier comparative period
- Disruption from capital works programmes across Auckland CBD expected to continue to impact the property, but is being proactively managed
- Hamilton expected to continue to deliver growth on the pcip for the remainder of 2H17

Australia

- Darwin expected to experience continued competitive pressures in the gaming machine business and ongoing difficult trading conditions in the NT
- Adelaide now expected to be weaker in 2H17 on the pcip due to flat revenue and increased margin pressure
- Minor disruption to Adelaide from early works programme is being proactively managed
- New GM Adelaide has commenced review to identify future operating improvements

IB

- IB turnover now expected to be consistent in 2H17 on the pcip following improved activity in 3Q17
- Improvements in debt collections expected – conservative approach to the extension of credit to VIP customers

