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Sent: Friday, 25 November 2011 1:32 PM
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Subject: IGA Investigation outcome - DoubleDown Casino

Reference: Complaint No. 2011005047

Dear

I refer to the complaint that you lodged with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) on 26 October 2011 about suspected internet gambling content at www.doubledowncasino.com.

Following investigation of your complaint, the ACMA is satisfied that while the internet gambling content is hosted outside Australia, the content is not prohibited content as defined in the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (the Act). This finding was based on the fact that it was not possible to win 'money or anything else of value' from playing the games provided.

All gaming occurs using 'virtual' currency and despite a player being able to use 'real' currency to purchase additional chips ('virtual' currency) for game play, the ACMA found no facility to convert or cash out the 'virtual' currency accumulated during game play into 'real' currency. As a result, the game did not meet the definition of a gambling service at section 4 of the Act (ie it was not possible to win 'money or anything else of value'). Accordingly, it was found that the service did not provide a *prohibited internet gambling service*.

Further information about the co-regulatory scheme for interactive gambling, including a copy of the Act, can be found at http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_90135

Thank you for bringing this matter to the ACMA's attention.

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