

#### **Formal Warning**

# under section 64A of the Interactive Gambling Act 2001

Of: Scharlooweg 39 U.22 Curação

Hollycorn N.V.

Attention:

To:

Statutory Directors of Allyant Group B.V., Statutory Director of Hollycorn N.V.

I, delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), being satisfied that Hollycorn N.V. has contravened subsection 15(2A) of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (the IGA):

HEREBY issue Hollycorn N.V. a formal warning under section 64A of the IGA, for one or more contraventions of subsection 15(2A) of the IGA, being civil penalty provisions.

#### Details of the contravention/s

## Obligations under the IGA

- 1. Subsection 15(2A) of the IGA provides that a person must not provide a prohibited interactive gambling service that has an Australian customer link.
- 2. A 'prohibited interactive gambling service' is defined in section 5 of the IGA and 'gambling service' is defined in section 4 of the IGA.
- 3. Under section 8 of the IGA, a gambling service has an Australian-customer link if, and only if, any or all of the customers of the service are physically present in Australia.

## Investigation

- 4. Under section 21 of the IGA, on 21 June 2024, the ACMA commenced an investigation into whether the Casino Bello service provided prohibited interactive gambling services in contravention of the IGA.
- 5. During the period of the investigation the Casino Bello service was available via the URL <a href="https://www.casinobello.com">https://www.casinobello.com</a>.
- 6. Hollycorn N.V. is a provider of the Casino Bello service.

# Contravention of subsection 15(2A) of the IGA

- 7. The Casino Bello service offered 'gambling services', including casino-style games of chance or mixed chance and skill, played for money where the customer gave consideration to play the game (paragraph (e) of the definition of 'gambling service' in section 4 of the IGA).
- 8. The Casino Bello service was provided in the course of carrying on a business and was provided to customers using an internet carriage service (section 5 of the IGA).
- 9. The Casino Bello service had an Australian customer-link.
- 10. The ACMA found that, as a provider of the Casino Bello service, Hollycorn N.V. has contravened subsection 15(2A) of the IGA by providing prohibited interactive gambling services to customers physically present in Australia.

Dated this 20 August 2024



Delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority