

RWS' licence renewed with conditions

THE authorities have renewed Resorts World Sentosa's (RWS) casino licence for another three years but have also mandated that it further boost measures to comply with regulations.

A spokesman for the Casino Regulatory Authority (CRA) said RWS' compliance record was among the many factors considered when it was processing the application.

"In renewing RWS' casino licence, CRA has imposed additional requirements on RWS to put in place more robust structures and processes aimed at strengthening its overall compliance of our laws and regulations," she said.

The CRA also said yesterday that RWS had fulfilled the criteria set out in the Casino Control Act, such as the need for a company to be of good reputation and financially-sound in order to run a casino.

An RWS spokesman said yesterday that the company is committed to upholding Singapore's

laws and regulations.

To fulfil a condition of the licence renewal, it has strengthened its compliance team and set up a compliance committee.

It has also put in place a whistle-blowing framework to allow employees to report confidentially any instances of non-compliance.

Since opening in February 2010, RWS has had to pay more than \$1.5 million in penalties for various breaches, including failing to maintain its surveillance systems as required by the CRA, allowing minors and those on exclusion orders to enter the casino and reimbursing the casino entry levy.

Just last year, the casino operator had to cough up \$600,000 for giving freebies to some 3,400 patrons who had renewed their \$2,000 annual levy with RWS.

Three RWS employees were also charged for trying to cover up the case.

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