

Decision No. GREYDLC 113/2023

**IN THE MATTER** of the  
Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012 (the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an  
application by **MILLENNIUM AND  
COPTHORNE HOTELS NEW  
ZEALAND LIMITED** for the  
renewal of an ON-Licence and  
Variation pursuant to s.120 and  
s.127 of the Act in respect of  
premises situated at 32-62  
Mawhera Quay, Greymouth and  
known as "Copthorne Hotel".

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Millennium and Copthorne Hotels New Zealand Ltd has made an application for the renewal and variation of an On-Licence for premises situated at 32-62 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth and known as "Copthorne Hotel".

The applicant is a public company incorporated on 7 June 1985, number 9429039146045 and holds a current On-Licence number 55/ON/80/2017. The company has 10 shareholders and six directors and the group has various international hotels, over 4 continents, 80 destinations worldwide and they have 18 hotels in New Zealand.

The general nature of the business is that of a hotel with an attached restaurant. The current licensed days and hours are Monday to Sunday 8am to 2am the following day and at any time on any day to any person/guest for the time being living on the premises, including any guest of that person in whose room or unit alcohol has previously been placed (commonly known as a minibar).

The premises are zoned commercial in the Grey District Plan and this activity is permitted within this zone. The principal entrance to the premises is from 32-62 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth.

The licensed area of the premises are to be undesignated as per the plan attached to the application.

A variation is applied for, to remove the condition allowing for minibars in the hotel rooms and to have the previously licensed outdoor area removed from the licensed area.

## **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Millennium and Copthorne Hotels New Zealand Limited for the renewal and variation of an ON-Licence in respect of premises at 32-62 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth and known as “Copthorne Hotel”, subject to the following conditions:

## **CONDITIONS OF LICENCE**

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and during the following hours:
  - a. Monday to Sunday 8am to 2am the following day; and
  - b. At any time on any day to any person/guest for the time being living on the premises, including any guest of that person.
2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00pm on ANZAC Day to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine, or is lodging on the premises.
3. The whole of the licensed premise area is classed as undesignated as per the plan attached to the application.
4. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol a reasonable range of non-alcoholic refreshments. Water is to be provided freely at no cost to patrons from either a water supply prominently situated on the premises or from across the bar.
5. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises.
6. Food must always be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the example menu submitted with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
7. A certified manager must be on duty at all times, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises.
8. Advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport is available to patrons from the licensed premises.
9. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:
  - a. All service staff must be trained in their responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
  - b. Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate.

- c. The Licensee must ensure the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed, and signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.
10. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:
- a. A sign at the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol.
  - b. A copy of the licence, plan of the remise area, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.
  - c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
11. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

**The premises are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 7 September 2023. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.**

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The business carried out upon the premise is that of a hotel and restaurant and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

The applicant has operated their On-Licence for a number of years without incident.

The general manager of Copthorne Greymouth, Graham Collings, has over 40 years experience in the industry and is the holder of a current general managers certificate. He is authorised by Millennium and Copthorne Hotels NZ Ltd to apply for the renewal and variation of their on-licence.

The applicant requested the removal of the minibar conditions after a meeting with the tri-agencies. He advised that the minibars are not used, and are removed when tour groups stay there. He also advised that there is no longer an outdoor licensed area.

The Licensing Inspector details in her report that the applicant has the appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law, including five qualified duty managers.

The Licensing Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent should this application be granted, and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose the application.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health do not oppose the application.

No undertakings are sought by the agencies.

This application was duly notified on Council website and no objections were received from members of the public.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 16th day of October 2023



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Rachel van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner