

CLAIMS

1. A secure casino apparatus comprising,
a casing and a cavity within the casing, the casing further comprising an access
5 member arranged to provide access to said cavity;
a sensor arranged to detect said access to the cavity and provide an access signal;
an image capture apparatus arranged to provide image data of the cavity when the
image capture apparatus is activated;
a memory arranged to store the image data; and
10 a processor arranged to process the image data and the access signal; wherein
the processor is further arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for an
activation period when an access signal is provided by the sensor.
2. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image capture apparatus
15 is located substantially inside the cavity.
3. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the access
comprises a duration, and wherein the sensor is arranged to provide the access signal
throughout the duration of said access.
- 20 4. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the processor is arranged
to activate the image capture apparatus for the duration of said access.
5. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the access
25 comprises a duration, and wherein the sensor is arranged to provide the access signal
at intervals of predetermined length throughout the duration of said access.
6. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the activation period is not
shorter than the predetermined length.
- 30 7. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 6, wherein the
processor is arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for a predetermined
buffer period after the duration of said access.
- 35 8. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the secure
casino apparatus further comprises an image transmission member arranged to
transmit the image data.

9. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the image transmission member is arranged to transmit the image data by live-streaming said image data.
- 5 10. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the image transmission member is arranged to transmit the image data to a remote device, the remote device comprising one selected from the range: a display screen located on the secure casino apparatus; a server; a mobile device; a computer.
- 10 11. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the secure casino apparatus further comprises a signal transmission member arranged to transmit the access signal.
12. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the access
15 detected by the sensor comprises a mode, the mode being one selected from the range: authorised access, or unauthorised access.
13. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the processor is arranged to determine the mode from the access signal.
- 20 14. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the secure casino apparatus further comprises an alerting member arranged to provide an alert when the alerting member is activated.
- 25 15. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the alert comprises at least one selected from the range: an electronic mail; a text message; a dashboard alert; an alarm; a software feature; a video message; a screen animation; an audible alert; a supersonic audio alert.
- 30 16. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 14 or claim 15 when dependent from claim 13, wherein the processor is further arranged to activate the alerting member when an access signal having a unauthorised access mode is provided by the sensor.
- 35 17. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the secure casino apparatus is one selected from the range: a gaming token sorting apparatus; a chipper; a gaming terminal; an electronic gaming machine; a gaming token transport device; a currency transport device; a dice spinner; a game ball spinner; a dice shaker.

18. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cavity is arranged to transport, store and/or sort one selected from the range: physical currency; gaming tokens; a data storage device; identification data.
- 5 19. A casino apparatus security system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the processor is further arranged to perform pattern recognition on the image data, and is further arranged to transform an access signal having a unauthorised access mode into an access signal having an authorised access mode; wherein the
- 10 processor is arranged to carry out the transformation upon recognition of a known pattern.
20. A casino apparatus security system, the security system comprising:
a secure casino apparatus comprising:
- 15 a casing and a cavity within the casing, the casing comprising an access member arranged to provide access to said cavity;
a sensor arranged to detect said access to the cavity and provide an access signal;
an image capture apparatus arranged to provide image data of the cavity when the image capture apparatus is activated;
- 20 a memory arranged to store the image data;
a processor arranged to process the image data and the access signal; and
an image transmission member arranged to transmit the image data; wherein the processor is further arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for an activation period when an access signal is provided by the sensor;
- 25 the security system further comprising:
a monitoring system comprising a remote device arranged to receive the image data from the image transmission member.
21. A method of monitoring access to a secure casino apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:
- 30 i. detecting an access to a cavity comprised within a secure casino apparatus;
ii. activating an image capture apparatus;
iii. storing image data from said image capture apparatus in a memory.
- 35 22. A method as claimed in claim 21, the method being performed using a security system as claimed in claims 20.

23. A method as claimed inn claim 21 or claim 22, wherein the secure casino apparatus is as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19.
- 5 24. A method as claimed in claim 21, claim 22 or claim 23, wherein the method further comprises the step of:
- vi. transmitting said image data.
- 10 25. A method as claimed in any one of claims 21 to 24, wherein the method further comprises the step of:
- vii. providing an alert.