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3-month extension of permit allowed

THE Urban Council's Liquor Licensing Board yesterday refused to renew for 12 months the licence of a Wanchai bar due to a pending criminal case against five of the bar's employees.

The board, however, renewed the licence of the Crazy Horse Saloon Bar and Cafe in Lockhart Road for three months.

A spokesman of the Urban Services Department said the three-month licence was granted to the bar based on recommendation made by the police.

However, a police spokesman pointed out that if the court finds the defendants guilty then they have ground to object to a further renewal of the liquor licence.

The five employees,

three male and two female defendants, face a total of 11 charges.

The charges include keeping a vice establishment, exercising control over prostitutes, managing a vice establishment, knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution and assisting in the management of the vice establishment.

Another female defendant in the case was charged with permitting premises to be used for the purpose of prostitution. However, she is not an employee of the bar.

Meanwhile, the hearing on the application by Ka Po Night Club in Boundary Street was adjourned pending the club's application for a light refreshment restaurant licence.