



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT – D TOOTELL

MORPHETTVILLE – THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2017

On Thursday, 12 January 2017 Stewards inquired into the substance *Zolpidem* being detected in a urine sample provided by Jockey David Tootell after riding trackwork at Gawler Racecourse on Tuesday, 25 October 2016.

At the hearing, which was attended by David Tootell, Stewards considered evidence from a medical specialist and Racing Analytical Services Ltd.

David Tootell pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule AR81A(1)(a) in that the sample provided by him contained a substance banned under AR81.B, namely *Zolpidem*.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the fact that David Tootell was stood down from all riding activity and handling horses on Friday, 18 November until Tuesday, 29 November 2016 (a period of 12 days) and that *Zolpidem* is a prescription medication related to the treatment of insomnia. In this regard Stewards noted that the medication was not prescribed for his use. Stewards also took into account David Tootell's guilty plea, clean record in regard to Banned Substances, his personal circumstances and his long involvement in the industry.

Having regard for these circumstances Stewards determined to take no further action.

J PETZER
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
12 January 2017