



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – J. HICKMOTT / FLYING CASINO

MORPHETTVILLE – THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2017

MORPHETTVILLE – SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2015

Stewards concluded an inquiry adjourned on Thursday, 8 October 2015 and Monday, 26 September 2016 into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Saturday, 13 June 2015 from the racehorse FLYING CASINO, which was presented to race in and won Race 4 the Schweppes Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 2500m at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Arsenic, at a level in excess of the threshold set for Arsenic under the rules of racing, being 0.30 mg/L (0.3 milligrams per Litre).

Evidence was taken from Mr. J. Hickmott, the Trainer of FLYING CASINO, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia. Stewards noted, having regard for this study, that in certain circumstances, where there is evidence of a horse being exposed to ingestion of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated wood fencing, it is possible for such horse to disclose elevated levels of Arsenic. Notwithstanding these findings, after considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. J. Hickmott under AR178 (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse FLYING CASINO at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 13 June 2015, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 4 the Schweppes Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 2500m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of 0.36 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared in AR.178C(1)(b) of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mr. Hickmott reserved his plea in respect of the charge. Mr. Hickmott was found guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of FLYING CASINO to, and ingestion by the gelding of CCA treated wood fencing. Consequently, Stewards imposed no penalty. The effect of this determination means that Stewards recorded a conviction without penalty.

Acting under AR177, Stewards determined that FLYING CASINO be disqualified from Race 4 the Schweppes Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 2500m on 13 June 2015 at the Morphettville Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

- 1st CLARIFY
- 2nd NOVIKOV
- 3rd BREDLIGN (NZ)
- 4th DUMOSA
- 5th CAROUN (IRE)

Mr. Hickmott was informed of his right of appeal.

J. C. PETZER
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
29 August 2017