



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – N. BRUGGEMANN / HIGH TEC (NZ)

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2017

BALAKLAVA – WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2017

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Wednesday, 3 May 2017 from the racehorse HIGH TEC (NZ), which was presented to race in and won Race 8 the Gawler South Bakery Benchmark 64 Handicap run over 1412m at the Balaklava 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 Mrs. N. Bruggemann (assisted by her solicitor Ms. T. Schmidt), the Trainer of HIGH TEC (NZ), 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 Mrs. N. Bruggemann under AR178 (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse HIGH TEC (NZ) at all relevant times leading up to and including Wednesday, 3 May 2017, she did bring the said racehorse to the Balaklava Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 8 the Gawler South Bakery Benchmark 64 Handicap run over 1412m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of 0.32 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). Mrs. Bruggemann pleaded not guilty to the charge. Mrs. Bruggemann was found guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of HIGH TEC (NZ) 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 HIGH TEC (NZ) be disqualified from Race 8 the Gawler South Bakery Benchmark 64 Handicap run over 1412m on 3 May 2017 at the Balaklava Racecourse.

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

- 1st COOL MAVERICK
- 2nd ECLAIR ATTACK
- 3rd SILENT ICE
- 4th SPRINGFIELD LEW
- 5th NICCOCO

Mrs. Bruggemann was informed of her right of appeal.