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**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – Track Rider – Mr. Peter Bailey**  
**RACING SA OFFICES – THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023**

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**Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), M Santoro & P. Ryan.**

On Thursday 20 April 2023 Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the conduct of licensed track work rider Mr. Peter Bailey on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at the Murray Bridge training facility.

Stewards heard evidence from Mr. Peter Bailey and also considered surveillance video footage of an incident involving Mr. Bailey and the racehorse **West Of The Wall** in the tie-up stalls at the Murray Bridge training facility.

During the course of the inquiry Mr. Bailey advanced that he had used his whip whilst mounted on the horse in an attempt to get the horse, which proved reluctant to proceed from the tie-up stall area to the track, to respond and commence walking out of the area. Mr. Bailey also advanced that after being dislodged from the horse, he used his whip in the vicinity of the horse's hindquarters, and on one occasion in the vicinity of its chest, in an attempt to encourage the horse to proceed to the track. It was noted that the horse had a horse handler leading it by the reins during both incidents.

After considering the evidence Stewards laid the following charges against Mr. Bailey;

**Charge 1:**

Under AR132(5) - The particulars of the charge being that, as a licensed track work rider, on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at the Murray Bridge training facility whilst present in the tie-up stalls area, he used his whip, whilst mounted on the racehorse **West Of The Wall** in an unnecessary manner behind the saddle on 12 occasions when the horse was not responding to his attempt to encourage it to move forward to leave the tie-up stalls area, contributing to the horse rearing and falling over. **Mr. Bailey pleaded guilty to the charge.**

**Charge 2:**

Under AR132(5) - The particulars of the charge being that as a licensed track work rider, on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at the Murray Bridge training facility whilst present in the tie-up stalls area he used his whip, after being dislodged from the horse **West Of The Wall** and whilst dismounted, in an improper manner on 3 occasions on the horse's hindquarters and on 1 occasion in the vicinity of the horse's chest **Mr. Bailey pleaded guilty to the charge.**

**Penalties:**

In determining penalties in respect of the two charges Stewards took into account Mr. Bailey's guilty pleas, his clean record, his forthright manner at the inquiry and his personal circumstances. Stewards also had regard for the serious nature of the breaches, individual and general deterrence, and that any unnecessary and/or improper use of the whip on a horse will not be condoned. Stewards further noted that Mr. Bailey had not used his whip with excessive force and that there was no evidence to suggest that the horse sustained any injury in the incident.

**Penalty – Charge 1:**

Mr. Bailey was fined the sum of \$500.

**Penalty – Charge 2:**

Mr. Bailey was fined the sum of \$500.

Mr. Bailey was advised of his right of appeal.

**J. Petzer**  
**General Manager Integrity**  
**20 April 2023**