

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

<u>ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT – MR P BLANCH</u>

MORPHETTVILLE – MONDAY, 21 MAY 2012

Thoroughbred Racing SA Stewards have dealt with a complaint lodged by an Official of the South Australian Jockey Club regarding the conduct of Trainer, Mr P Blanch when attendant in the mounting yard at Morphettville on Saturday, 12 May 2012.

Mr Blanch admitted the conduct which was the subject of the complaint and offered an explanation with regard to certain elements. In particular, he expressed remorse at the conduct which occurred in front other licensed persons as well as his family.

After considering the evidence and the various options available to the Stewards, Mr Blanch was charged with misconduct under Rule AR.175(q) with regard to the conduct described in the complaint. Mr Blanch pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Stewards determined that Mr Blanch be fined \$1000, of which an amount of \$750 was suspended on the proviso that he not breach any Rules relating to conduct within a period of twelve months. In determining this penalty the Stewards acknowledged that Mr Blanch had, in the Stewards' opinion, been forthright before them, had pleaded guilty, had not previously breached Rules regarding conduct and certain mitigating circumstances.

Mr Blanch was informed of his right to appeal.

G. M. LOCH

<u>CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS</u>

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