



**THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

**ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT – ST GABRIEL**

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**MORPHETTVILLE – THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2013**

**MORPHETTVILLE – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2013**

**RACE 3 – THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION HANDICAP – 2020 metres**

Stewards reviewed previous race starts in respect of ST GABRIEL and questioned Co-Trainer Mr Ryan Balfour regarding the apparent improved performance of this gelding which ran in and won the third race at Morphettville on Saturday, 12 October 2013.

Mr Balfour explained at the gelding's most recent starts it drew the inside barrier and was obliged to race inside runners during the event. He stated the stable, after discussion with the horse's rider on those occasions, J. Bowditch, formed the view the gelding was reluctant when racing inside other runners. He added the stable was disappointed with the horse's performance on 21 September at Morphettville. Mr Balfour also advised on 12 October he instructed J. Potter to make every effort to ensure he establishes a position in running to the outside of runners.

When further questioned Mr Balfour advised he had encouraged the connections of the horse to have a wager on the horse, but placed more emphasis on the horse's chances of finishing in the placings rather than winning.

Stewards reviewed betting activity in this event, which did not indicate any abnormal activity and also noted this was the gelding's second race start after the removal of the near side bubble cheeker and the addition of a tongue tie.

**J. C. PETZER**

**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**

**18 October 2013**