



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – S. GOWER / SATURDAY SORCERER

MORPHETTVILLE – MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2014

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Stewards concluded an inquiry on Monday, 1 December 2014, into the analysis of an out of competition blood sample taken on Tuesday, 2 September 2014 at the stables of Mr. Stuart Gower from the racehorse SATURDAY SORCERER, which was entered for but subsequently scratched from its engagement in the Balaklava Cup on Wednesday, 3 September 2014. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of *Andarine*, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. S. Gower, the Trainer of SATURDAY SORCERER, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra, Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory Science Manager, Dr. A. Cawley, and two industry Veterinarians.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Gower under ARR.177B(1)(a) as the licensed Trainer of the horse SATURDAY SORCERER, from which a sample taken on 2 September 2014 disclosed the presence of *Andarine*, a prohibited substance under the provisions of ARR.177B(2)(f). Mr. Gower pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Gower's guilty plea, his record, which includes a current disqualification imposed on him by Thoroughbred Racing Northern Territory pursuant to a matter involving SATURDAY SORCERER and the same substance, *Andarine* being detected in samples taken from the horse following its participation in two races in the Northern Territory. Stewards also took into account his personal circumstances, factors relating to individual and general deterrence and the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substances. In the circumstances Mr. Gower was disqualified for a period of twelve (12) months effective midnight 1 December 2014 and to expire at midnight 1 December 2015. The effect of the disqualification is that it runs concurrent with the disqualification imposed on Mr. Gower by Thoroughbred Racing Northern Territory.

Mr. Gower was informed of his right of appeal.

J. C. PETZER

CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

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