

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – R. HICKMOTT / AMRALAH (IRE)

MORPHETTVILLE – THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2015

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Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a urine sample taken on Saturday, 19 September 2015 from the racehorse AMRALAH (IRE), which was presented to race in and won Race 7 the Penang Trophy (Registered as the Tokyo City Cup) run over 1800 metres at Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Dexamethasone, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. R. Hickmott, the Trainer of AMRALAH (IRE), Dr Luke Campbell the Veterinarian for Hudson Conway Racing Pty Ltd – both assisted by Legal Counsel Mr. Nathan Kuperholz, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. R. Hickmott under AR178, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse AMRALAH (IRE) at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 19 September 2015, he did bring the said racehorse to Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 7 the Penang Trophy (Registered as the Tokyo City Cup) run over 1800 metres, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed, upon analysis, the substance Dexamethasone, which substance is a prohibited substance under the Rules of Racing. Mr. R. Hickmott pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. R. Hickmott's guilty plea, his cooperation at the inquiry and his clean record with regard to breaches of this kind. Stewards also took into account his personal circumstances, the circumstances surrounding the treatment of the horse in the lead-up to the race, factors relating to individual and general deterrence and the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substances. In the circumstances Mr. R. Hickmott was fined \$8000.

Acting under AR177, AMRALAH (IRE), which finished in first place, was disqualified from this event. The placings have been amended to –

First	No. 9	BACK ON TARGET (S. Cahill)
Second	No. 6	PELICANO (P. Gatt)
Third	No. 10	LETMEDOWNGENTLY (C. Puls)
Fourth	No. 8	CREANCE (J. Kah)
Fifth	No. 11	FIRST BLOOM (H. Coffey)

Mr. R. Hickmott was also charged with a breach of AR178F(5), the particulars being that he failed to comply with the provisions of AR178F(1) in that a Dexafort medication administered to the racehorse AMRALAH (IRE), by a Veterinary Clinic on Friday, 4 September 2015 was not recorded in his treatment records for the horse. In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for his guilty plea but also took into account his medical treatment record keeping was of generally good standard. Mr. R. Hickmott was fined \$500.

Mr. R. Hickmott was informed of his rights of appeal.

J. C. PETZER

CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

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