



## **THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

### **STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

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#### **MORPHETTVILLE OFFICES – FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2016**

On Friday, 15 April 2016 Stewards concluded an inquiry which was adjourned on Thursday, 3 March 2016 into the circumstances surrounding the sale of the racehorse JESSIE'S OWN in early 2015.

Stewards considered evidence from Mr. John O'Loughlin, the Trainer of, and Mr. Max Clarke, the owner of JESSIE'S OWN at the relevant time. In addition Stewards also considered evidence from Mr. Colin Young of Glenrae Stud and Mr. Cameron Bennett of First Choice Thoroughbreds.

Mr. O'Loughlin pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.175(a) the particulars of the charge being; that Mr O'Loughlin, in respect of the sale of the racehorse, JESSIE'S OWN, to South Australian interests in January/ February 2015, for the sale price of \$3000 in circumstances where he was aware that the owner of JESSIE'S OWN, Mr Max Clarke, believed that the racehorse had been sold for \$1000 acted in a dishonest and/or fraudulent manner by virtue of his;

- (a) Failure to inform Mr Clarke that the racehorse, JESSIE'S OWN, had been sold for a higher amount, namely \$3000, and/or
- (b) Conduct of retaining an amount of approximately \$1700 from the proceeds of the sale for his personal benefit without the knowledge, authority or consent of Mr Clarke, and/or
- (c) Deliberate conduct in seeking to obtain, and obtaining, a financial advantage by deceiving Mr Clarke, the owner of JESSIE'S OWN.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account Mr. O'Loughlin's guilty plea and his clean record. However, Stewards also considered the serious nature of the breach, factors relating to individual and general deterrence and determined that Mr. O'Loughlin be disqualified for a period to commence at midnight on Friday, 22 April 2016 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 31 July 2016.

Mr. O'Loughlin was advised of his right of appeal.

**J.C. PETZER**  
**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**  
15 April 2016