THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Mount Gambier Racecourse by the Mount Gambier Racing Club on Friday, 1 December 2017

<u>Stewards</u>: J. Adams (A/Chairman), A. Hayles, (Stewards), K. Lemay-Robbins & M. Adams (Cadet Stewards), R. Spillman, J. Foster & S. Bright (Deputy Steward) & Dr. D. Goulding (Veterinary Surgeon).

WEATHER: Overcast

RAIL: True

The track was inspected by the Course Curator and the District Steward prior to scratching time who advised at approximately 7.00 am that they had rated it a Soft 7. Following heavy showers between 7:30 and 9.00 am the Course Curator contacted Stewards to advise that he had become concerned with a section of the track in the vicinity of the 700 metres, which was holding surface water. On arrival on course at approximately 10.30 am Stewards inspected the track and, with particular reference to the 700 metres, deemed the track unsafe for racing.

As the first race was not scheduled to run for approximately three and a half hours Stewards considered a request from the Club to allow them to carry out maintenance work in the vicinity of the 700 metres in an effort to have it safe for racing prior to the official start time of Race 1. Stewards acceded to this request after also confirming that the aircraft transporting riders from Adelaide had already departed and was en route to the course.

At approximately 12.30 pm the Adelaide based riders arrived on course. Stewards and senior Adelaide based riders inspected the track in the vicinity of the 700 metres and confirmed the Stewards opinion that the track was unsafe for racing.

The meeting was officially postponed at 1.00 pm.