



## **THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

### **STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – E. MUSGROVE / ABEBE (NZ)**

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#### **MORPHETTVILLE – FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST 2018**

##### **MURRAY BRIDGE – MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018**

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Monday, 11 June 2018 from the racehorse ABEBE (NZ), which was presented to race in and won Race 1 the Max Kluske Memorial Steeplechase run over 3292m at the Murray Bridge Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Arsenic, at a level in excess of the threshold set for Arsenic under the rules of racing, being 0.30 mg/L (0.3 milligrams per Litre).

Evidence was taken from Mr. E. Musgrove, the Trainer of ABEBE (NZ), Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra. Stewards considered a report provided by Racing Victoria Stewards after they conducted a stable inspection at the training premises of Mr. Musgrove. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia. Stewards noted, having regard for this study, that in certain circumstances, where there is evidence of a horse being exposed to ingestion of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated wood fencing, it is possible for such horse to disclose elevated levels of Arsenic. Notwithstanding these findings, after considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. E. Musgrove under AR178 (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse ABEBE (NZ) at all relevant times leading up to and including Monday, 11 June 2018, he did bring the said racehorse to the Murray Bridge Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 1 the Max Kluske Memorial Steeplechase run over 3292m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of >0.60 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared in AR.178C(1)(b) of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mr. Musgrove reserved his plea in respect of the charge. Mr. Musgrove was found guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of ABEBE (NZ) to, and ingestion by the gelding of CCA treated wood fencing. Consequently, Stewards imposed no penalty. The effect of this determination means that Stewards recorded a conviction without penalty.

Acting under AR177, Stewards determined that ABEBE (NZ) be disqualified from Race 1 the Max Kluske Memorial Steeplechase run over 3292m on 11 June 2018 at the Murray Bridge Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

- 1<sup>st</sup> PENTOMATIC (NZ)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PENTELLIGENTSIA (NZ)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SURGING WAVE
- 4<sup>th</sup> DAREBIN
- 5<sup>th</sup> STREET OUTLAW

Mr. Musgrove was informed of his right of appeal.

**M. SANTORO**  
**DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**  
17 August 2018