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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 5 June 2012

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: JOHN SADLER**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Bill Kneebone.

Appearances Mr Sadler appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Dayle Brown appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Charges Two breaches of AR 178 – prohibited substance.

The particulars of Charge 1 are that a prohibited substance, being Synephrine, was detected in a urine sample taken from the horse *Deep Cove* following its win in the *Le Pine Funerals Handicap* (2400m) at Sandown on Wednesday, 11 January 2012.

The particulars of Charge 2 are that a prohibited substance, being Synephrine, was detected in a urine sample taken from the horse *Irish Golfer* following its win in the *Book Now 29 January Living Legends Werribee Cup SV Class 1 Handicap* (1600m) at Werribee on Sunday, 15 January 2012.

Plea Charge 1 – guilty.
Charge 2 – guilty.

Decision Mr Sadler convicted of both charges but with no penalty imposed.

Pursuant to AR 177 *Deep Cove (NZ)* disqualified as winner of Race 6 the *Le Pine Funerals Handicap* (2400m) at Sandown on Wednesday, 11 January 2012 and the places amended accordingly:

1st - Circle The Globe, 2nd - Mr Consolidator, 3rd - Umatain, 4th - Derisive, 5th - Beatboy (NZ), 6th - Toole, 7th - Equal Rights, 8th - Elms, 9th - Madaba Flyer, 10th - Coll and Tiree.

Decision (cont) Pursuant to AR177 *Irish Golfer* disqualified as winner of Race 7 the *Book Now 29 January Living Legends Werribee Cup SV Class 1 Handicap* (1600m) at Werribee on Sunday, 15 January 2012 and the places amended accordingly:

*1st - Con Thrust, 2nd - Noble Twostep, 3rd - Stynes, 4th - Soliciting,
5th - Xaar Best, 6th - Krupp Diamond, 7th - Dashful, 8th - Repudiate,
9th - Medal Day.*

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman
MR W. KNEEBONE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF TWO BREACHES OF AR 178 -
PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE**

TRAINER: JOHN SADLER

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2012

MR D. BROWN appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. SADLER appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: This has been an unusual case for a number of reasons which have been identified during the course of the hearing, not the least of which is the lack of scientific and empirical studies relating to the incidence of synephrine in thoroughbreds.

Nevertheless, what is clear is that the subject horses were presented for racing with a prohibited substance in their systems. Mr Sadler has been unable to provide any explanation which accounts for the presence of synephrine in his horses and therefore has not established any mitigating factor in that regard. Nevertheless, the Board takes into account his plea of guilty, the absence of any relevant and recent conviction and his good character.

The circumstances are such that the Board is of the opinion that a conviction should be recorded on each charge, but no other penalty should be imposed, save that under the rules, both horses must be and are disqualified.

Finally, I should like to place on the record the following: that the Board commends the Stewards, in particular Mr Ashby and Mr Villella, for their diligence and professionalism in pursuing inquiries in this difficult case.
