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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 19 March 2013

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: IBRAHIM GUNDOGDU**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Bill Kneebone, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Gundogdu.
Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Geelong Synthetic on Saturday 16 March 2013, jockey Ibrahim Gundogdu was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Repudiate* in Race 5 the *Gordon Ave Pools & Spas 0-62 Handicap* (1100m).

The careless riding being that after passing the 400m he carelessly permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Six Stitcher*, making contact with that gelding that has been tightened and had to be checked off the heels of *Frenchkook* as a consequence.

Ibrahim Gundogdu had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 17 March 2013 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 24 March 2013 - a total of 8 race meetings (3 city, 5 country).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account I Gundogdu’s good record, the careless riding was in the low-range and also took into account that *Frenchkook* was inclined to lay in.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 18 March 2013. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal against decision dismissed.**
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire after the meeting at Werribee on Friday, 22 March 2013.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR W. KNEEBONE
DR J. SMITH**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GORDON AVENUE POOLS AND SPAS
0-62 HANDICAP OVER 1100 METRES AT GEELONG ON 16/3/13**

JOCKEY: IBRAHIM GUNDOGDU

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2013

MR J. HITCHCOCK appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: In this case, the Board is satisfied that there has been carelessness on the part of the Appellant in shifting ground as he did. However, the Board is of the view that the degree of carelessness was in the lower registers of the low range.

The Board takes into account also, on the question of penalty, the contribution not only by Holland but by Robertson because of the racing manners of his horse. The Board also takes into account the good riding record of the Appellant.

So the appeal against conviction is dismissed but the appeal against penalty succeeds, in that the penalty is varied, so that the period of suspension will expire immediately after the Werribee meeting next Friday, which would allow Mr Gundogdu, if he is fortunate enough to get a mount, to ride at Moonee Valley Friday night and thereafter.
