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FROM:	Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board
DATE:	3 April 2014
SUBJECT:	**APPEAL HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: NORMAN THOMPSON**

Panel   Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Jeremy Rosenthal.

Appearances   Mr Patrick Wheelahan appeared as Counsel for the Stewards.
Mr James Ogilvy appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

On Tuesday 1 April 2014, the Racing Victoria Stewards declined an application made by Mr Ian Lee, the managing owner of the horse *Leica Duel* to transfer the horse from Ms Jody Thompson to Mr Norman Thompson as trainer.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on 1 April 2014.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed.**

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman
MR J. ROSENTHAL

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

TRAINER: NORMAN THOMPSON

MELBOURNE

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2014

MR J. OGILVY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR P. WHEELAHAN appeared on behalf of Mr N. Thompson

CHAIRMAN: In this appeal, the fundamental principle espoused by the Stewards is that the image of racing is the overriding consideration in reaching a decision as to whether they should or should not expressly approve the transfer of a horse to another trainer.

Mr Wheelahan, who appeared for Mr Thompson, submits that the justice of the case demands that Mr Thompson be permitted to train the horse. In the Board's view, any prejudice which may be suffered by an affected party in this case is relatively insignificant and is outweighed by the potential harm to the image of racing. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.