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APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JUMPS JOCKEY ‘A’ KAREL STRYJA**

Panel: Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair), Mr Darren McGee

Appearances: Mr Corie Waller, Stipendiary Steward, appeared on behalf of the Stewards.
Mr Des O’Keeffe, Chief Executive VJA, appeared on behalf of Mr Stryja.

At Terang on Monday, 15 February 2010 jumps jockey Karel Stryja was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Pickme* in Race 6 the *Genetics Australia Tour of Victoria 0-68 Highweight Handicap* (2150m).

The careless riding being that he allowed his mount to shift in passing the winning post on the first occasion when insufficiently clear of *Scenic Landscape* (jockey Wayne Smith), resulting in *Scenic Landscape* striking that gelding’s heels and knuckling, dislodging jockey Smith. In this incident *Em Eye GeeGee* and *Track Wiz (NZ)* were also hampered.

Karel Stryja had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 15 February 2010 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 8 March 2010 – a total of 21 days. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Mr Stryja’s exceptional riding record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 17 February 2010.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Sunday, 21 February 2010.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed.**

Taking into account the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension to now expire at midnight on Sunday, 14 March 2010.

Georgie Curtis
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board