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SUBJECT : APPEAL HEARING RESULT: STABLE-HAND ADAM ROSS

At a Steward's Inquiry on Monday 1 June 2009, licensed stable-hand Adam Ross was found guilty of two charges under AR 175(j) [improper or insulting behaviour] and had his track work/stable-hand licence suspended for a period of 5 months, to commence midnight Monday 1 June 2009 and to expire midnight Sunday 30 November 2009.

The charges relating to an incident that took place at Pakenham racetrack on Friday 22 May 2009.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account that Mr Ross had shown remorse for his actions and his guilty plea.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday 3 June 2009.

Mr John-Paul Blandthorn of the Australian Worker's Union appeared on behalf of Mr Ross.

Mr Allan Reardon, Deputy Chairman of Stewards, appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards.

DECISION: Appeal allowed – penalty varied:

Mr Ross suspended for a period of one month on each charge, with the period of suspension to be served concurrently.

The suspension being retrospectively served from Friday 22 May 2009 and to expire midnight Sunday 21 June 2009.

Georgie Curtis

Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board