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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 26 August 2015

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: DAMIAN LANE

<u>Panel</u> Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Graeme Johnson, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Lane.

Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Moonee Valley on Saturday, 22 August 2015, jockey Damian Lane was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *At First Sight (IRE)* in Race 9 the *Adapt Australia Handicap* (2500m).

The carelessness being that shortly after the start he permitted his mount to shift in thereby dictating *Crafty Cruiser* in to a point where it was insufficiently clear of *Hula Lua (NZ)* resulting in that horse being checked.

Mr Lane had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 25 August 2015 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 4 September 2015 – a total of 10 race meetings (3 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the incident was in the lower mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 23 August 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.