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TORONTO, ONTARIO – April 11, 2019

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015;  
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF BENOIT LAMARCHE, LICENCE NO. P97258**

On February 20, 2019, the standardbred horse "MACHS BOY" (freeze brand #2JM07) finished fourth (4th) in the tenth (10th) race at Western Fair Raceway. "MACHS BOY" is trained by Benoit LaMarche "LAMARCHE".

On February 26, 2019 Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 491905119, contained TC02 with a value measured over 40.0 mmol/L.

On February 27, 2019, the Racing Officials matched Test Tag 491905119 to the sample taken from "MACHS BOY", and notified LAMARCHE of the positive test.

**TAKE NOTICE** that based on the above LAMARCHE is found to have violated 22.38(a), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority under 6.01, 6.04, 9.08.2 and 22.38.06 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, LAMARCHE is hereby fully suspended for ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) days (April 15, 2019 to October 11, 2019, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

In accordance with Alcohol, Gaming and Racing Standardbred Rule 18.08.01, "MACHS BOY" is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 10 at Western Fair Raceway on February 20, 2019 is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	#2	Dragon Wave
2 <sup>nd</sup>	#7	Plain Easy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	#5	Elusive Hour
4 <sup>th</sup>	#3	Shadowfall
5 <sup>th</sup>	#1	Slots of Fun
6 <sup>th</sup>	#8	Bear Creek Warrior
7 <sup>th</sup>	#6	Unicorn Hanover
		Machs Boy - disqualified

The following terms are added to LAMARCHE's license: two years of probation commencing (October 12, 2019 to October 11, 2021, inclusive), pursuant to Rule 6.01 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive No. 3-2008.

1. The Licensee shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
2. The Licensee shall allow Commission Inspectors access to his stabling area at any time to conduct unannounced random searches for illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs;
3. The Licensee shall allow commission inspectors to seize any illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs found at his stabling area;
4. The Licensee shall be subjected to the AGCO's Out of Competition Program; and
5. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Judges for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Bertucca", written over a horizontal line.

Fred Bertucca  
Deputy Registrar and  
Deputy Chief Operating Officer