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TORONTO, ONTARIO – February 4, 2020

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015;  
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF JIM WATT, LICENCE NO. E56555**

On November 9, 2019, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario "AGCO" was advised of a positive reading for the Class 3 drug Clenbuterol, for the urine sample with Test Tag 4419300013. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred Horse "SPORTSLINE" (freeze brand #8PM57), which finished first (1st), in the eighth race (8th) race, on October 27, 2019, at Leamington Raceway. SPORTSLINE is trained by Jim Watt (Licence #E56555) "WATT".

**TAKE NOTICE** that based on the above WATT is found to have violated 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing. Accordingly, in accordance with 6.04, 9.08.02 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, WATT is hereby fully suspended for a period of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS, (January 17, 2020 to July 14, 2020 inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of FIVE thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that WATT had an elevated TC02 reading in December 2016;

The suspension of WATT is effective for horses racing in the Province of Ontario. During the suspension, WATT is denied access to Association grounds with the exception of grandstand privileges. During this suspension, any horses owned in whole or in part by WATT, are ineligible to race. Sales or transfers must be met with the Judges' approval. Horses trained by WATT will be transferred to another trainer in good standing and in accordance with Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with 18.08.03 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing, SPORTSLINE is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 8 at Leamington Raceway on October 27, 2019 is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	#6	NJS Trick Piston
2 <sup>nd</sup>	#1	Oldfriendskentucky
3 <sup>rd</sup>	#3	Terra Cotta Lad
4 <sup>th</sup>	#2	In The Wheelhouse
5 <sup>th</sup>	#4	Cantcountmeout
	#5	Sportsline - disqualified

The following terms are added to WATT's license: two years of probation commencing (July 15, 2020 to July 14, 2022, inclusive, pursuant to 6.04 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 Racing Officials for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF



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Brent Stone  
(Acting) Deputy Chief Operating Officer  
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