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TORONTO, ONTARIO – September 25, 2019

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015;
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;
AND IN THE MATTER OF JOE PEREIRA, LICENCE NO. M86126**

On July 26, 2019, Maxxam Analytics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag 35 19194303 E, revealed a positive reading for the Class V drug Furosemide. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred Horse "NEEDLECREST" (freeze brand #7JM95) which finished first (1st) in the fifth (5th) race on July 13, 2019, at Georgian Downs Raceway.

NEEDLECREST is trained by Joe Pereira "Pereira".

Pursuant to Ruling SB 50215 Pereira currently on probation for a prior positive test for TC02.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above Pereira is found to have violated 9.09 (a), (b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03 (c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 3-2008. Accordingly, in accordance with Rules 6.01, 6.04, 9.08.2 and Policy Directive 1-2008, Pereira is hereby fully suspended for a period of 15 days, (September 25 to October 9, 2019, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars.

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

In accordance with Alcohol, Gaming and Racing Standardbred Rule 18.08.03, NEEDLECREST is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 5th at Georgian Downs on July 13, 2019 is as follows:

1 st	#3	Badlands Badboy L
2 nd	#1	Jetset Charmer
3 rd	#2	Big Bad Mach
4 th	#7	Sports Tale
5 th	#5	Iconic Velocity
6 th	#6	Monty Mono
	#4	Needlecrest - disqualified

The following terms are added to Pereira' license: two years of probation commencing October 10, 2019 to October 9, 2021 in addition to the probation from Ruling SB 50215, 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 Stewards for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF



Fred Bertucca
Deputy Chief Operating Officer