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**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015,
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;
AND IN THE MATTER OF LORNE W. RICHARDS**

On October 30, 2019, Bureau Veritas Canada Inc. reported that the Test Tag #73 19284 301 EIPH, tested positive for the Class III medication 2-(1-Hydroxyethyl) Promazine Sulfoxide, a Metabolite of Acepromazine. The sample was obtained from the thoroughbred "BIG ROCKET MAN" (tattoo T22950) which finished first in the first race, on October 11, 2019. "BIG ROCKET MAN" is owned by True North Stable and trained by LORNE W. RICHARDS.

A Racing Officials Review was held on October 30, 2019, with Trainer LORNE RICHARDS who explained he does administer Acepromazine and has no explanation as to why his horse would have been positive. Mr. RICHARDS relayed he has been administering the medication for years and has not changed the timing, dosage or way he gives it to his horses. MR. RICHARDS said he takes full responsibility for the problem but is bewildered as to how it could have happened. MR. RICHARDS has a clean record of over forty years and was honest and forthcoming throughout the Review.

After due consideration the Racing Officials find Trainer LORNE RICHARDS (108414) in violation of Alcohol and Gaming Commission rule: 15.06.03(c). MR. RICHARDS is hereby suspended for a period of fifteen days (15) days November 22 through December 6, 2019 and issued a monetary penalty in the sum of \$1,000.00 payable upon completion of his suspension. The suspension of MR. RICHARDS is effective for horse racing in the Province of Ontario and during this suspension is denied access to Association grounds with the exception of Grandstand privileges. Horses owned in whole or in part by MR. RICHARDS are ineligible to race and all sales or transfers must be met with the Stewards approval. Horses trained by MR. RICHARDS may be transferred to another trainer with the Stewards permission.

In accordance with Alcohol and Gaming Commission Rule 15.04.03, "BIG ROCKET MAN" is hereby declared unplaced for all purposes with the exception of pari-mutuel wagering.

The revised order of finish shall be as follows:

- 1st - #8 Speed Gauge
- 2nd - #6 Bob W.
- 3rd - #4 Pink Lemonade
- 4th - #5 Decisive Victory
- 5th - #2 Klassy Delight
- 6th - #3 Lord Pietro
- 7th - #7 Mi Chiamo Stefano

Alcohol and Gaming Commission Rules: 15.04.01, 15.04.02.1, 15.04.02.2, 15.05.01, 15.34, 16.13(c)(d) and 24.04

Pursuant to Policy Directive No. 3-2008, MR. RICHARDS has the following conditions placed on his license for a period of two years, December 7, 2019 through December 7, 2021.

1. The licensee shall keep the peace and be of good behavior
2. The licensee shall allow Commission investigators 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 investigators to seize any illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs found at his area.
4. The licensee shall be subject to the Commissions Out of Competition Program.
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 his license.

By Order of the Stewards



F. PLATTS



G. LINDBERG



A. STIFF