## **Horse Racing Appeal Panel**

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# TORONTO, ONTARIO – NOVEMBER 9, 2020 TB HRAP 06021 2020

## NOTICE OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, S.O. 2015 C. 38 Sched. 9; AND IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST FOR A STAY BY MICHAEL DE PAULO OF THOROUGHBRED RULING NUMBER 1094131

Date of Issue: November 9, 2020

Horse Racing Appeal Panel (Panel): Stanley Sadinsky, Q.C., Chair

Representative for the Appellant: Frank Roth

Decision: The Panel grants the stay, on consent.

WHEREAS Michael De Paulo ("DE PAULO") is licensed with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("Commission") as a Trainer;

AND WHEREAS on June 7, 2020, DE PAULO was the trainer of record for the horse "Kid Forester", tattoo number T09256;

AND WHEREAS on October 22, 2020, Commission Racing Officials issued Thoroughbred Ruling Number 1094131, wherein "Kid Forester", which finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, was disqualified as a result of a Certificate of Positive Analysis for the Class II drug Capsaicin from a test following the 9<sup>th</sup> race at Woodbine Racetrack on June 7, 2020, in accordance with Rules 15.06.01(a), 15.06.01(b) and 15.06.03(c) of the Rules of Thoroughbred Racing ("Rules");

AND WHEREAS Thoroughbred Ruling Number 1094131 also directs that DE PAULO will not be issued a suspension or monetary penalty pursuant to Rules 15.04.02.2, 15.05.01, 16.13(c), 16.13(d) and 24.01 of the Rules, and Policy Directive No. 1-2018;

AND WHEREAS Thoroughbred Ruling Number 1094131 further directs that "Kid Forester" be declared unplaced for all purposes, with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering, and all purse money and driver/trainer fees be returned and redistributed, in accordance with Rule 15.04.03 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 1-2018;

AND WHEREAS on November 2, 2020, DE PAULO filed a Notice of Appeal and a Notice of Motion requesting a stay with the Panel;

AND WHEREAS on November 6, 2020, the Registrar consented to the stay being granted;

TAKE NOTICE that the Panel grants the stay, on consent.

DATED on this  $9^{th}$  day of November, 2020.

Stanley Sadinsky, Q.C., Chair Horse Racing Appeal Panel