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Ruling Number TB ADMIN 31/2018

TORONTO, ONTARIO – September 24, 2018

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015;  
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF WARREN LEBLANC, LICENCE NO. 100314**

On August 7, 2018, Maxxam Analytics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag 73 18208 350, revealed a positive reading for the Class III drug acepromazine and its metabolite 2-(1-Hydroxyethyl) promazine. The sample was obtained from the Thoroughbred Horse "Alice's War" (tattoo #Q06519) which finished second (2nd) in the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) race on July 27, 2018, at Woodbine Racetrack. Alice's War is trained by Warren LeBlanc "LEBLANC".

On August 10, 2018, the Stewards at Woodbine Racetrack notified LEBLANC of the positive test. Following the notification an inspection was conducted of the stabling area for ALICE'S WAR.

On August 10, 2018, the Stewards issued Ruling Number TB 10885/2018 immediately suspending LEBLANC.

LEBLANC is currently on probation for the period of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 2017 Thoroughbred racing season to the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the 2019 Thoroughbred racing season, pursuant to Ruling TB 10168/16 as a result of prior positive test for acepromazine.

**TAKE NOTICE** that based on the above, TB Ruling 10885/2018 is hereby superseded and LEBLANC is found to have violated 15.06.01 (a), (b) and 15.06.03 (c) of the Rules of Thoroughbred Racing and Policy Directive 3-2008. Accordingly, pursuant to 15.04.02.2, 15.05.01, 16.13 (c), (d), (g) and 24.01 of the Rules of Thoroughbred Racing and Policy Directive No. 1 – 2018 and Policy Directive No. 3 - 2008, LEBLANC is hereby fully suspended for a period of 5 months, being August 10 to December 16, 2018 and the remaining 21 days to be served at the commencement of the first day of the live Thoroughbred Racing season in Ontario. LEBLANC is also required to pay a monetary penalty of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars.

The suspension of LEBLANC is effective for horses racing in the Province of Ontario. During the suspension, LEBLANC is denied access to Association grounds with the exception of grandstand privileges. During this suspension, any horses owned in whole or in part by LEBLANC, are ineligible to race. Sales or transfers must be met with the Stewards' approval. Horses trained by LEBLANC 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 Thoroughbred Rule 15.04.03, "Alice's War" is hereby declared unplaced for all purposes with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 8 at Woodbine on July 27, 2018 is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	#6	Mexican Hat
2 <sup>nd</sup>	#2	Mystic Nile
3 <sup>rd</sup>	#5	Power Empire
4 <sup>th</sup>	#3	Modus Operandi
5 <sup>th</sup>	#4	Midnight Flash
6 <sup>th</sup>	#7	Rebel Witha Chance
	#1	Alice's War - disqualified

The following terms are added, pursuant to 16.13 (g) of the Rules of Thoroughbred Racing and Policy Directive No. 3 - 2008 to LEBLANC's licence for a two year probation period, following completion of the suspension, and;

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