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Trainer Gary Hill cops 4 months suspension and \$5000 in fines

11 September 2009 – Trainer Gary Hill has been suspended for four months and fined \$5000 by HRSA Stewards following their inquiry into Village Pop testing positive to a prohibited substance after its win at Globe Derby Park on 23 May.

Stewards received a report from Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) concerning the presence of Aminocaproic Acid in the post race urine sample taken from Village Pop, trained by Hill following its winning performance in the "BGC Industrial Cleaning Supplies Pace" at the SAHRC race meeting.

During the inquiry evidence was taken from Hill, RASL Director Dr John Vine & HRSA Ltd Veterinary Consultant Dr Peter Horridge.

Hill pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 190 (1) in that as the trainer of Village Pop he presented this horse to race on 23 May, 2009 not free of the prohibited substance Aminocaproic Acid.

Hill also pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 196A(1) in that on 16 March or some other time prior to the running of the race he administered to the horse Village Pop the prohibited substance Aminocaproic Acid which was detected in the post race urine sample taken from the horse following its winning performance on 23 May, 2009.

After considering submissions as to penalty Hill's trainers licence was suspended for 4 months on each charge with these penalties to be served concurrently. In addition to the suspension Hill was also fined \$2500 respectively on each charge.

The suspension will take effect from midnight Tuesday 15 September 2009 to allow Hill time to make necessary arrangements.

Acting under Rule 195 Village Pop was disqualified from the race in question with the Judge's placings amended accordingly.

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