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HRV RAD Board Hearing - Brett LUNGHUSEN

The Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board today heard a matter in regards to charges issued by HRV Stewards under Australian Rules of Harness Racing (ARHR) 190(1) and 190B against licensed Vic trainer Mr Brett LUNGHUSEN.

ARHR 190(1) reads as follows:

A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.

The charge under ARHR 190(1) issued by HRV Stewards against Mr LUNGHUSEN related to a pre-race blood sample collected from the horse 'Immortal Jet' prior to it placing 5th in Race 10, the "Hunter Rural Pace" at Shepparton on September 12, 2015. Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) reported that analysis of the blood sample revealed the sample to contain a prohibited substance, namely alkalinising agents as evidenced by a total carbon dioxide (TCO²) concentration in excess of 36.0mmol/L in plasma.

Mr LUNGHUSEN pleaded guilty to the charge before the HRV RAD Board who heard submissions on penalty from the HRV Stewards and Mr LUNGHUSEN. In deciding an appropriate penalty the HRV RAD Board considered Mr LUNGHUSEN's good history, no prior relevant matters, his co-operation with stewards and early guilty plea and both specific and general deterrence.

In considering all of these matters, the HRV RAD Board imposed a \$7000.00 fine.

Mr LUNGHUSEN also pleaded guilty to the charge under ARHR 190B in that he failed to keep and maintain a log book and was subsequently fined \$250.

The HRV RAD Board also ordered that 'Immortal Jet' be disqualified from Race 10 at Shepparton on 12 September, 2015.

HRV Representative Brent FISHER

The Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board (RADB) is established under section 50B of the Racing Act (1958). The RADB is an independent Board established to hear and determine appeals in relation to decisions made under the rules to impose penalties on persons and to hear and determine charges made against persons for serious offences.