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THOROUGHBRED – STEWARDS' INQUIRY TRAINER TROY BLACKER

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards today concluded their inquiry into the reasons for Isere, trained by Mr Troy Blacker, returning a pre-race urine sample which upon analysis was found to contain Cobalt above the permitted threshold.

Mr Blacker pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 178 in that he did present ISERE to race at the Tasmanian Turf Club on 14 February 2018 when a urine sample taken from that mare prior to it competing in Race 3 the Sky Racing Launceston Cup 28th February Maiden (1220 metres) upon analysis was found to contain the prohibited substance Cobalt above the permitted threshold.

After taking into account submissions in relation to penalty,

Mr Troy Blacker was disqualified for a period of twelve (12) months, effective immediately.

Acting under the provisions of AR 177, Isere was disqualified from its 3rd position and placings will be amended accordingly.

Mr Blacker was advised of his rights of appeal.

Scott Quill

Chairman of Stewards

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