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## **INQUIRY – THOROUGHBRED TRAINER MARK GANDERTON**

On Wednesday 8 August 2018, Office of Racing Integrity Stewards resumed their inquiry into the results of analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken from Speedy Illusion prior to it competing at the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting on 10 February 2018, which revealed the presence of the prohibited substance Caffeine.

After considering evidence presented on 4 June 2018 and 8 August 2018, Mr Ganderton was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of AR.178, which reads

*Subject to AR.178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.*

The particulars of the charge being that,

Mr Mark Ganderton as the trainer of Speedy Illusion did present that horse to race at the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting on 10 February 2018 when a blood sample taken from Speedy Illusion prior to it competing in Race 1 Tasmanian Horse Transport Maiden (1200M) upon analysis was found to contain the prohibited substance Caffeine.

Mr Ganderton sought and was granted an adjournment in order to provide submissions in relation to penalty which are to be provided on the 27 August 2018.

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