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## PRESS RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of the decisions taken at its meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

1. Invitation from the China Horse Club to nominate a Jockey from Trinidad & Tobago to compete in the 2017 China Equine Cultural Festival (CECF)

The Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority has received an invitation from the China Horse Club to nominate a Jockey to compete in the 2017 China Equine Cultural Festival which will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 in Ordos, Inner Mongolia, China.

This event is a major social, charity and thoroughbred racing event which is hosted annually by the China Horse Club, and international Jockeys are invited to participate as ambassadors of the sport.

The Board, at a meeting of the Authority held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 agreed to nominate Jockey Sheldon Rodrigo to represent Trinidad & Tobago at the event.

Mr. Rodrigo will have the opportunity to compete in four feature races with a field size of 8-10 horses and a minimum purse of USD\$30,000.00.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Jockey Sheldon Rodrigo and extend our best wishes to him for a successful and enjoyable trip.

2. **Enquiry into the physical condition and welfare of the horses 'FAITH N' FORTUNE' and 'LATIN DANCER' which were under the care of Mr. Rohit Dube**  
(Owner/Trainer)

Based on the evidence submitted at the inquiry from the Industry Veterinarian, Dr. Kerri Sankar and Mr. Dube, **the Board concluded that the horses' physical conditions were** knowingly allowed to deteriorate to a degree that brought into question the proper conduct and good reputation of the sport of horse racing.

The level of care exhibited by Mr. Dube, as the person responsible for these horses fell grossly below any reasonable and/or acceptable standard of care and there was no evidence of any plausible mitigating factors.

The Board considered this matter to be a grave animal welfare issue, which it looks upon with much disfavour.

As a result of all provided evidence, and pursuant to Rules 7 (4) (o) and 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing, the Board of the Authority took a decision to withdraw **Mr. Dube's Trainer and Owner** licences indefinitely.

Josette Mc David  
Secretary

July 28, 2017