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MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of the decisions taken at its meetings held on Tuesday June 6th and Tuesday June 27th, 2017 respectively:

(1) DECISION TAKEN ON TUESDAY JUNE 6TH, 2017

HEARING OF APPEAL LODGED BY MR. BOBBY PERSAD AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STEWARDS TO OVERRULE HIS OBJECTION AGAINST THE WINNER 'HELENA'S PRIDE' IN RACE 8/DAY 15 OF THE 2017 RACING SEASON, HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 20TH, 2017

Having given due consideration to the grounds of the appeal, and the evidence offered by Messrs. Bobby Persad, Winston Govia (Steward of the Arima Race Club), Mohan Rajcoomar (Assistant Clerk of Scales) and Jovika Boodramsingh (Jockey), the Board was of the view that there was no justification to alter the decision of the Stewards.

Accordingly, the Stewards' decision was upheld and the appeal was disallowed.

(2) DECISIONS TAKEN ON TUESDAY JUNE 27TH, 2017

a) HEARING OF APPEAL LODGED BY MR. BOBBY PERSAD AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STEWARDS TO OVERRULE HIS OBJECTION AGAINST THE WINNER 'THE HEAT IS ON' IN RACE 5/DAY 17 OF THE 2017 RACING SEASON, HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE 10TH, 2017

Having given due consideration to the grounds of the appeal, and the evidence offered by Messrs. Bobby Persad, Suraj Hayban (Owner of 'THE HEAT IS ON'), Omar Mohammed (Jockey) and Richard Freeman (Steward of the Arima Race Club), the Board was of the view that there was no justification to alter the decision of the Stewards.

Accordingly, the Stewards' decision was upheld and the appeal was disallowed.

Board Members: Dr. David Kangaloo - Chairman, Mr. Farook Hosein - Vice Chairman, Mr. Tyrone Kowlessar - Member, Mr. Robert Bernard - Member, Mr. Richard Freeman - Member, Ms. Kimberleigh Peterson - Member, Mr. Sunil Sirjoo - Member, Mr. Hayden Manzano - Member, Mr. Selwyn Raymond - Member

b) INQUIRY INTO THE FINDING OF THE SUBSTANCE CAFFEINE IN EXCESS OF THE ESTABLISHED THRESHOLD IN THE SAMPLE OF EQUINE BLOOD TAKEN FROM 'A FLEETING MOMENT', WINNER OF RACE 2/DAY 15 OF THE 2017 RACING SEASON, HELD ON MAY 20TH, 2017

Having given due consideration to the evidence of Mr. Vernon Ian Lewis (Trainer), and that of Mr. Badrie Pattieram (Groom), the Board found Mr. Lewis to be in breach of **Rule Nos. 62(8), 63(1) and 102(1)(A) (d)** of the Rules of Racing.

Therefore pursuant to Rule Nos. **62(8) and 100 (B) (2)** of the Rules of Racing, the Board decided to **fine Mr. Lewis** a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (**\$500.00**), impose a **loss of purse and suspend his Trainer's licence for a period of three (3) months**, with effect from Monday 3rd July, 2017.

During the period of his suspension, Mr. Lewis will not be permitted entry into any restricted areas, including the Trainer's Stand, pursuant to **Rule 42 (20)** of the Rules of Racing.

In accordance with Rule **100 (B)(2) and 31(3)** of the Rules of Racing, '**A FLEETING MOMENT**' has been disqualified from **1st place** and the revised results of the race in question are as follows:

1. EUPHORIA
2. ADORE THE SHOTS (JAM)
3. SUPERHEAT HIROYAL
4. DOC HOLIDAY
5. DOCTOR JAMES

c) INQUIRY INTO THE SADDLING OF '1'MMISSINGHIGHBURY' IN THE TESTING BARN ON RACE DAY 17, SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, 2017

Pursuant to **Rule No. 2** of the Rules of Racing, the Testing Barn is designated as a **restricted area**, entry to which must be gained only by the permission of the Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority or the Stewards on race days.

Having given due consideration to the evidence submitted by Messrs. Brandon Joseph (Groom of '1'MMISSINGHIGHBURY'), Bobby Persad (Trainer of '1'MMISSINGHIGHBURY'), Shaun Mohammed (Groom), Richard Freeman (Steward of the Arima Race Club), Dr. Kerri Sankar (Industry Veterinarian) and

Dr. Nicole Lambie (Asst. Industry Veterinarian), the Board determined that by Mr. Joseph's own admission, he acted in a manner prejudicial to the integrity of horse racing and as such, violated **Rule Nos. 2 and 69 (3)** of the Rules of Racing.

Accordingly, the Board agreed to **suspend his Groom's licence for the period of one calendar (1) month from June 30th to July 30th, 2017.**

Additionally, the Board **imposed a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00.) on Mr. Bobby Persad** (Trainer) for failure to supervise Mr. Joseph to ensure that he performed his duties in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

**JOSETTE MC DAVID
SECRETARY**

June 30, 2017