

HEARING RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 9 April 2015

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: CHRIS CALTHORPE**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Shaun Ryan.

Appearances Mr Paul O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan Saddington Lawyers, appeared on behalf of Mr Calthorpe.

Dr Cliff Pannam QC appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Charge 1 Breach of AR 175(h)(i) – **withdrawn**.

Charge 2 Breach of AR 175(h)(ii) [alternative to Charge 1]

The Committee of any Club or the Stewards may penalise: Any person who administers, or causes to be administered, to a horse any prohibited substance which is detected in any sample taken from such horse prior to or following the running of any race.

The charge relates to a prohibited substance, being alkalinising agents as evidenced by total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) at a concentration in excess of 36.0 millimoles per litre in plasma, which was detected in a blood sample taken from the horse *Armageddon On It* prior to its win in Race 3 the *Emsley Lodge Racing 3yo Maiden Plate* (1200m) at Geelong on Friday, 1 August 2014.

Charge 3 Breach of AR 178 [alternative to Charges 1 & 2] – **not required**.

Plea Charge 2 – guilty.

Decision

Charge 2 – Mr Calthorpe convicted and disqualified for a period of 6 months of which 2 months is suspended on the condition that Mr Calthorpe does not commit an offence under the Rules of Racing during the next 12 months.

The period of disqualification will commence at midnight on 16 April 2015. Pursuant to AR 196(6)(b) Mr Calthorpe must not start a horse in any race from the date of the Board's decision until the expiration of the period of disqualification.

Pursuant to AR 177 *Armageddon On It* disqualified as winner of Race 3 the *Emsley Lodge Racing 3yo Maiden Plate* (1200m) at Geelong on Friday, 1 August 2014 and the places amended accordingly:
1st – Nouvelle Again, 2nd – Pinyarda, 3rd – Hamilton, 4th – Gloryland, 5th – Menapii, 6th – Chelski.

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board