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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 20 January 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: NICK HALL**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Josh Bornstein (Deputy), Mr Geoff Ellis.

Appearances Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Hall appeared on his own behalf.

At Mornington on Friday 16 January 2015, jockey Nick Hall pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Royal Appointment (NZ)* in Race 2 the *Progress Signs Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that approaching the 100m he failed to make sufficient effort to prevent his mount from shifting in and as a result was insufficiently clear of *Ya Still Call Me Al* which was checked severely, shifted in and made contact with the hindquarters of *Miss Amalia* which in turn had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Mangoback The Cat*.

Mr Hall had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 17 January 2015 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 26 January 2015 – a total of 10 race meetings.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Nick Hall's guilty plea and good record, his mount was laying in and that the incident was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 18 January 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

Penalty varied - period of suspension to now expire at midnight on Saturday, 24 January 2015.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR J. BORNSTEIN, Deputy Chairman
MR G. ELLIS**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PROGRESS SIGNS PLATE
OVER 1200 METRES**

JOCKEY: NICHOLAS HALL

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR N. HALL appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: In this appeal, the appeal is against the severity of the penalty imposed by the Stewards. Having heard from the parties and observed the films and heard the interpretations of Mr Bailey on behalf of the Stewards, and Nicholas Hall, the Appellant, the Board is satisfied that there was some contribution from Andrew Mallyon and that the Appellant, Nicholas Hall, albeit too late, took remedial measures to minimise the interference to Rawiller's mount.

In the circumstances, the Board is of the opinion that the appeal should be allowed and the period of suspension varied so that it will expire at midnight on Saturday, 24 January 2015, two days off.
