

## Stewards' Report

### Stewards Report: Michael Lakey- Enterprise Prince

**Date: 22 January 2020**

**Panel: D Aurisch, P Zimmermann & E Barron**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE was detected in urine sample taken from ENTERPRISE PRINCE at Eagle Farm on 5 October 2019.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Michael Lakey.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Lakey was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240 (2) which reads:

*Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in any sample taken from the horse 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 specifics of the charge being that Mr Michael Lakey as the trainer of ENTERPRISE PRINCE brought that horse to Eagle Farm on 5 October 2019 for the purpose of engaging in the Class 6 Plate 1400m, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

Mr Lakey pleaded guilty to the charge and made brief submissions in defence.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Lakey's unblemished record over a long period. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Mr Lakey was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) ENTERPRISE PRINCE was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows –

**Eagle Farm 5 October 2019 – Class 6 Plate 1400m**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – AEECEE TONG DE
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – AUERBACH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – LANGRO
- 4<sup>th</sup> – SPARKY LAD
- 5<sup>th</sup> – LA SCOPA

He was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.

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