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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 11-27-12

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board’s regular update of all complaints and stewards’ rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Francisco Ramirez for one year and fined him \$10,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) and 1902 pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from Ocean Secret, a horse in his care, contained zilpaterol, a beta-2 agonist used in livestock production to promote lean muscle growth. Zilpaterol has no legitimate purpose in horse racing and is a Class 1 violation and a Class A penalty. The zilpaterol finding was confirmed by Industrial Laboratories. Ocean Secret finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on August 19, 2012.

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