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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

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 Ugo De La Torre for 180 days and fined him \$17,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (b)(e)(9) and (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood sample collected from One Rambling Lady, a horse in his care, and the blood and urine samples collected from Las Vegas Lucky, another horse in his care, all contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Furthermore, the stewards ordered De La Torre to serve an additional 20 days of a suspension previously stayed pending one year of probation. Thus, De La Torre has been ordered to serve a total of 200 days.

Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. These are Class 3 violations. As such, the stewards disqualified these horses and ordered the redistribution of the purses. One Rambling Lady finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on June 10, 2011. Las Vegas Lucky finished second in the first race at Los Alamitos on July 23, 2011. The earlier case for which De La Torre was placed on probation involved Missile Missile, which finished second in the third race at Los Alamitos on July 18, 2010. De La Torre was fined \$3,000 and suspended for 30 days for that violation. However, the stewards stayed 20 days of the suspension provided the trainer committed no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the year probation, which commenced October 24, 2010. Both the One Rambling Lady and Las Vegas Lucky violations occurred within one year.

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