THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

GENERAL

- A) The following trainers and jockeys appeared before the Stewards to confirm their instructions and discuss their intentions in their respective races:
 - Race 4: S. Gujadhur & D. David (**The Grey Crusader**)
 - G. Rousset & N. Juglall (Paddingtons Luck)
 - S. Narang & G. Aucharuz (**Texas Sky**) and O. Sola (**Euroklidon**)
- B) Jockey B. Fayd'herbe failed the breathalyzer test where an inquiry will be held on Tuesday. As such, he was stood down by the Stewards who approved the following replacement riders:
 - D. David on **Dealer's Charm (**Race 1), **King Of Tara** (Race 3) and **Ku Du Tu** (Race 7), C. Ségeon on **Jet Path** (Race 2) and R. Joorawon on **Moschino** (Race 4) & **Wall Tag** (Race 6).

RACE 1 - THE SPECIAL IDOL - SOLIDARITE MARYE PIKE CUP - 1365M

Dunzie – Raced wide in the early stages.

Greenflashsunset – Slow into stride. Passing the 700 metres was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Special Force**, was eased and taken out to avoid its heels. Hung out on the turn into the home straight, proving difficult to settle. Over the final 200 metres was switched to the outside of **Dealer's Charm** to obtain clear running.

Dealer's Charm – Hung in in the closing stages.

Groban – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners.

Special Force – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride.

New Golden Age – Jumped inwards, making contact with **Groban**. Passing the 700 metres was taken out from behind **Greenflashsunset** to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight. Was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greenflashsunset** in the closing stages.

RACE 2 - LE TURBO CUP - 1650M

Mr Green Street – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1300 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Senor's Guest**. Steadied when awkwardly placed on the inside of **Senor's Guest** passing the 600 metres.

Bouclette Top – Slow into stride.

Jet Path – Raced wide in the early and middle stages and passing the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead.

Epic Sword – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners.

Starsky - Shifted in passing the 1300 metres.

Power Tower – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Approaching the 600 metres was taken out to improve its position from behind **Bouclette Top**. Raced wide on the turn into the home straight.

Senor's Guest – Passing the 1300 metres was inconvenienced when Starsky shifted in. Passing the 1000 metres was awkwardly placed on the heels of Starsky, had to be steadied and threw its head, inconveniencing Mr Green Street, which was following, over several strides. Approaching the 600 metres shied away and shifted out abruptly and hung out, proving difficult to negotiate the turn. Mr Green Street, which was racing on its inside, improved into a tight gap and was steadied when Senor's Guest shifted back inwards.

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Starsky**) was found guilty of a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that approaching the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, thereby causing **Senor's Guest** to be cramped for galloping room and **Mr Green Street**, which was racing on the inside of **Senor's Guest**, to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 3 -THE FARRIERS CUP - 990M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Kingsman** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 25 September. In view of this, all bets on **Kingsman** were ordered to be refunded and fixed odds betting was re-opened.

Alssakhra – Jumped outwards and brushed the left side of its gate, brushing **Watch Me Dad**. Approaching the 1200 metres was steadied for several strides when **Watch Me Dad** shifted in, thereafter threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. An inquiry into this incident was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

King Of Tara – Prior to the start being effected broke open its front gate and was restrained.

Watch Me Dad – Jumped outwards, making contact with **Alssakhra**. Dipped approaching the 1000 metres. Was held up for a number of strides behind **King Of Tara** entering the home straight.

Fariha – Prior to the start being effected, very fractious in its stall and reared. Slow into stride. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 60 days.

Silver Heritage – Raced fiercely in the early stages.

RACE 4 - THE PHILIPPE ROUSSET CUP - 1650M

Texas Sky – Jumped inwards, brushing the right side of its gate and made contact with **The Grey Crusader**.

The Grey Crusader – Slow to begin. Was bumped inwards shortly after the start. From the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

Paddingtons Luck – Was taken across to race behind runners from the start. Passing the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Black Indy**, which was giving ground, and raced wide into the home straight

Moschino – Approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, was taken out from behind **Euroklidon** to improve its position, at the same time **Black Indy** was carried wider and allowed to stride forward to improve its position and race closer to the lead. Hung in from the 200 metres.

Black Indy – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to improve its position in the back straight to race closer to the lead.

Euroklidon – When **Moschino** improved around it passing the 1000 metres, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Texas Sky** and shifted out, carrying **Moschino** wider into the back straight. Passing the 900 metres became awkwardly placed between **Texas Sky** and **Moschino** and was steadied for a number of strides and shifted back to a position on the rail shortly thereafter.

RACE 5 - THE SIR ANDRE NAIRAC CUP - 1450M

Afdeek – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. Was then taken across to race behind runners. Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

Gimmetherain – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the back straight. Hung in in the home straight. When questioned, jockey Bhaugeerothee explained that his mount had raced in a one off position in its pace in the early stages of the race and passing the 600 metres changed strides on several occasions and thereafter failed to quicken in the home straight, being disappointing. He added that this gelding had worn blinkers twice at track work and had a positive work out.

Hakeem - Over-raced passing the 1200 metres. Passing the 1000 metres threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance with jockey Allyhosain having to steady his mount to avoid the heels of **Kamadeva** and, in doing so, carried **Gimmetherain** wide.

Roll Of Drums - Slow to begin.

RACE 6 - THE PRINCESS MARGARET CUP - 1400M

Rule The Night – Approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, became awkwardly placed on the heels of **Undercover Agent**, clipping its heels, resulting in the latter taking an awkward stride. Vet report: Lame off fore.

Undercover Agent – Took an awkward stride when **Rule The Night** clipped its heels approaching the 1000 metres.

Baritone – Slow to begin. Passing the 400 metres was taken out from behind **Rule The Night** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Procal Harum** wider on the track. Hung in in the early first stages of

the home straight. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Procal Harum – Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Pietro Mascagni – Jumped outwards and was slow to begin. Was held up from behind **Rule The Night** for several strides entering the home straight.

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On inquiry, jockey Joorawon (**Wall Tag**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (i) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the finish, possibly costing his mount the 4th place. He was fined Rs.15,000.

RACE 7 - THE DOMINO PRINCIPLE CUP - 990M

Arctic Flyer – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the left side of its gate and was slow to begin. Brushed the running rail approaching the 800 metres. Passing the 600 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Toro Bravo** outwards, was then cramped for galloping room and forced to ease on the inside of **Rock Spirit**. An inquiry into this incident was adjourned to Tuesday morning. Passing the 400 metres was steadied off the heels of **Trojan Quest** and clipped its heels.

Ku Du Tu – Carried inwards at the start.

Trojan Quest - Jumped inwards and carried Ku Du Tu inwards.

Rock Manor – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Rock Spirit – Slow to begin. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 60 days.

Toro Bravo – Jumped outwards, making contact with **Rock Spirit**. Shifted in shortly after the start. Approaching the 400 metres was steadied and took an awkward stride.

Zenzero – Was switched to the inside of Rock Manor to continue going forward entering the home straight.

Captain Falcon - Shortly after the start was eased off the heels of Toro Bravo, which had shifted in.

RACE 8 - THE CORBAN PLATE - 1600M

Jockey Aucharuz expressed concerns regarding the action of **Tyrandeus** en route to the start. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon examined this gelding and passed it fit to race.

Flowerscape – Jumped inwards, making contact with **Jullidar**, then bumped **Pride Rock**. Made the turn into the home straight wide. Hung out in the closing stages.

It Doesn't Matter – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Slow to begin. Crowded for room shortly after the start and had to be steadied off the heels of **Newsman**. Passing the 250 metres was steadied off the heels of **Newsman** and momentarily inconvenienced. Hung out from the 150 metres.

Jullidar – Passing the 700 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position close to the lead and raced wide from then onwards.

Kemal Kavur – Passing the 1200 metres commenced to race fiercely, throwing its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Steadied off the heels of **Kemal Kavur** in the home straight.

Pride Rock – Momentarily crowded for room on the inside of **Jullidar** passing the 300 metres.

Tyrandeus – Slow to begin. when questioned, jockey Aucharuz explained that this gelding did not feel well en route to the start and therefore raised concerns with the Starter. He added that he had been instructed to drop this gelding at the rear of the field where his mount commenced to hang in, not responding to his urgings, and entering the back straight hung in severely and proved difficult to assist.

Newsman – Passing the 300 metres took an awkward stride, thereafter was held up for a number of strides behind **Flowerscape** entering the home straight. In the closing stages was switched in to the inside of **It Doesn't Matter** to continue going forward.