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### WEEKLY UPDATE: JULY 26 – AUGUST 1, 2010

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly 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 Jose M. De La Torre for 60 days and fined him \$10,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1844 (e), 1844 (9), 1844 (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from a horse in his care, Luzoom, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. De La Torre began serving his 60-day suspension on August 5. Luzoom finished fifth in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on September 10, 2009. The stewards issued a ruling October 17, 2008, disqualifying Luzoom and ordering the redistribution of the purse for that September 10 race.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling disqualifying Manitamanita from a second-place finish in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on April 18, 2010, and ordered the redistribution of that purse after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Manitamanita contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. A hearing is pending for trainer Juan Aleman.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Timothy M. Frawley ruled in favor of the CHRB on the appeal by trainer Frank Petrelli, who was suspended by the Board for one year and fined \$10,000 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Keystone Comotion, contained yohimbine and hydroxyl-yohimbine, a metabolite of yohimbine. The finding was confirmed by Pennsylvania Equine Laboratories. Yohimbine is a plant alkaloid and an alpha-2 adrenergic antagonist. This drug is used in veterinary medicine as a reversal agent for the commonly used alpha-2 agonist tranquilizer xylazine. Yohimbine is a Class 2 drug and a Category A penalty. Keystone Comotion finished first in the fourth race at Cal Expo on April 11, 2009. Scott Chaney, a California steward serving as a hearing officer in the Petrelli matter, conducted a hearing on November 17. Chaney issued his proposed decision on December 16, which the Board adopted January 15, 2010, and Petrelli appealed. This adopted decision also is posted on the CHRB Website.

