

DIVINE DIVA– SAMPLE IRREGULARITY

14 OCTOBER 2021

The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) has advised HRNSW that Total Plasma Carbon Dioxide above the prescribed threshold has been detected in the pre-race blood sample taken from DIVINE DIVA prior to it running in race 3, the WARDS ACCOUNTING GROUP LADYSHIP PACE (1609 metres) conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle on Saturday 9 October 2021.

The 'B' sample has been confirmed by the Racing Science Centre in Queensland.

Trainer Mr Peter Russo has been advised that HRNSW will continue its investigation into this sample and an Inquiry will be conducted in due course.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 183A, it has been determined that DIVINE DIVA, the horse subject of the certificate, shall not be nominated or compete in any race until the outcome of an Inquiry or investigation.

Mr Russo has until 12 midday on Monday 18 October 2021 to make submissions in relation to AHRR 183.

For further information on this matter contact:
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