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Inquiry into a sample irregularity – Jockey K F Choi

In accordance with usual practice, at the Sha Tin racemeeting on Saturday, 2 March 2013, a random draw was conducted to establish which riders would be required to provide urine samples for testing for the presence of prohibited substances.

One of the riders drawn out to provide a sample was **Jockey K F Choi**. The Club's **Head of Racing Laboratory, Dr T S M Wan**, has today advised the Stewards that the urine sample supplied by Jockey Choi has shown the presence of a prohibited substance and its metabolites. Jockey Choi has been advised of the analyst's finding and has requested the reserve portion of the sample be tested by an independent laboratory. At the time of making this release, the independent laboratory to conduct the further analytical work had not yet been selected.

The Racing Stewards have decided it would be inappropriate for them to publicly announce the analyst's finding at this time. A further release will be issued when the independent analyst's report is received.

The Racing Stewards have exercised the powers they have under Rule 60(3) and have ruled that Jockey Choi is not eligible to ride in Hong Kong with immediate effect until an inquiry into the analyst's report has been determined.

The Racing Stewards have formally advised the Macau Jockey Club of the analyst's findings in respect of the aforementioned sample irregularity and the provisions of Rule 60(3).

The matter is now adjourned to a date to be fixed.