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17 March 2013 Sha Tin Racemeeting

Race 4 – Vital King Handicap

Following **BREEZE OF LUCK** performing disappointingly at Happy Valley over 1800 Metres last start, W C Marwing, the rider of that horse, advised the Stewards that he recommended to Mr D J Hall, the trainer of BREEZE OF LUCK, that he consider dropping BREEZE OF LUCK back in distance and return to racing at Sha Tin where the horse had previously experienced success.

As BREEZE OF LUCK has been declared to race over 2000 Metres at Sha Tin on Sunday, the Stewards have contacted Mr Hall who has advised that the horse is bred to race well over distances further than 1600 Metres, the distance at which the horse has been successful in the past. He said that whilst Jockey Marwing did recommend for the horse to be dropped back in distance he believed that Sunday's race presents the opportunity to gradually step the horse up in distance from 1800 Metres to 2000 Metres before reaching a decision as to what the horse's best distance is, as BREEZE OF LUCK has not raced at 2000 Metres before.

Race 6 – Helene Mascot Handicap

The Stewards have today spoken with Mr J Size, the trainer of **SIGHT LOVER**, a declared runner in this race. Following its most recent start, the Stewards interviewed D Whyte, the rider of SIGHT LOVER, regarding the horse's performance, who advised that SIGHT LOVER had raced like a "tired" horse and that he had discussed giving the horse a let-up after its disappointing performance with Mr Size.

Mr Size today confirmed that Jockey Whyte had suggested giving the horse a let-up following its most recent start as it had raced disappointingly after being uncharacteristically fractious in the barriers. He said he monitored the well-being of SIGHT LOVER in the days following the race and as the horse appeared to come out of it well, he continued on with its preparation. He added that as SIGHT LOVER had previously behaved well in the barriers, he has given the horse further barrier practice since that race and the horse has performed well in these barrier sessions. He said that as SIGHT LOVER has continued to please him since its last run and as the horse is lightly raced, he decided against giving the horse a let-up and to continue with its preparation.