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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Racing Act 2002* that AQHRD (Australian Quarter Horse Racing Development) Pty Ltd is approved as the control body for the quarter horse code of racing in Queensland.

Details of the approval are as follows:

Name: AQHRD (Australian Quarter Horse Racing Development) Pty Ltd
Business Address: 470 Middle Creek Road,
Federal, QLD, 4568
ACN: 149 676 282
Approval Effect Date: 10 March 2014
Approved Code of Racing: Quarter Horse
Conditions of Approval:

The control body approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. AQHRD is to provide its finalised business case for the development of the code of quarter horse racing in Queensland, by 31 August 2014.
2. There will be no racing, trials or other related functions (including the licensing of participants) until such time as the chief executive confirms that he considers AQHRD has complied with all relevant conditions of this approval.
3. Any publications, media comments etc, to clearly state that the approval is conditional only, and that there will be no racing conducted until such time as the chief executive confirms that all relevant conditions have been met.
4. As part of preparation of the AQHRD business case, submit satisfactory details by 31 August 2014, about the business structure that it will operate, including:
 - (i) how the regulatory and commercial operations will be separated;
 - (ii) the membership and structure of its board, including the potential for independent directors as provided for in the proposed amendments to the Constitution of AQHRD;
 - (iii) sufficient details or expressions of interest from licensed wagering operators and/or broadcasters that they are willing to provide coverage of the racing product; and
- (iv) that it will allocate sufficient funding and resources to ensure the welfare of animals and the prevention of matters that could impact adversely on the code (as outlined in s11(3)(a) of the *Racing Act*).
5. AQHRD to submit sufficient details to outline the level of interest by stakeholders to be able to maintain a healthy quarter horse racing industry (participants and horse population), by 28 February 2015.
6. AQHRD to submit reviewed and finalised Constitution, Rules of Racing and all relevant policies for further review by the Office of Racing, by 28 February 2015.
7. The required policy on the veterinary services to be provided at race meetings and trials (s11(2)(g) of the *Racing Act* and not yet provided in draft form with application) to be submitted, by 28 February 2015.
8. AQHRD to submit its proposed plans for a human drug and alcohol testing policy and structure, by 28 February 2015.
9. To ensure that all participants and the general public are fully informed and aware of AQHRD and its plans for the code of quarter horse racing, an official AQHRD website to be developed and implemented, by 28 February 2015.
10. AQHRD undertakes that all policies are capable of implementation within 18 months of the Minister's approval, and at least six months prior to the proposed racing commencement date.
11. AQHRD to enter into agreement with an accredited facility as required in section 40 of the *Racing Act* regarding the provision of relevant services, by 31 August 2015 or six months prior to the commencement of official race trials or racing, whichever is the earlier.
12. That the directors of AQHRD attend a corporate governance training course organised by the Office of Racing and conducted by Clayton Utz, by 31 August 2015.

Steve Dickson MP

Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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