

Press release

As was common knowledge to the public, the Horse Racing Division (HRD) made an application to the Asian Racing Federation ("ARF") for membership in 2022.

In this regard, at the Asian Racing Conference held in Melbourne, Australia today, after clarifying a legal issue raised by the Mauritius Turf Club (MTC), which was the previous member of the ARF at the time, the Executive Committee of the ARF agreed to recommend the Horse Racing Division of Mauritius, a division of the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) which is empowered by the various legislation, as a member.

Subsequently, a meeting of the membership was called and after a vote, the HRD was recognised as an Associate Member of the ARF.

The HRD's Associate status renders it able to join the membership of the single most powerful and influential body in international horseracing.

The HRD which is the sole regulator of Horse Racing in Mauritius since last year, therefore replaces as from today the MTC as a member, after that members of the ARF voted to revoke the membership of the MTC.

Whilst the HRD has already enjoyed significant benefits of reciprocation from international racing jurisdictions within its first year of existence, this recognition enables it to partner with the majority of the major racing jurisdictions in the world and have a say on international policy.

The HRD and GRA wish to thank the ARF for the comprehensive manner in which the application for membership was managed and for their consideration and ultimately its favour.

The HRD is represented at the ARC by its Racing Executive Officer, Mr. Deanthan Moodley, and the GRA by its Chairperson, Mr. Om Kumar Dabidin.

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