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### **New Extension to Commingling Agreement means greater opportunity for New Zealand Racing**

New Zealand Racing Board Chief Executive, Graeme Hansen, announced today that the New Zealand Racing Board will be extending the commingling agreement with Tabcorp to include the pooling of Tabcorp bets on New Zealand races exported to Australia.

“The alliance between the New Zealand Racing Board and Tabcorp on commingling has been highly successful, and it is now time to build on what is already in place,” said Mr Hansen.

Commencing next week, the commingling agreements will be extended to enable the pooling of Tabcorp bets on New Zealand thoroughbred, harness and greyhound races exported to Australia and broadcast on Sky Channel.

Customers in Victoria, Western Australia, the Australian Capital Territories and Tasmania will bet into the combined New Zealand TAB pool on those races broadcast on Australia’s Sky Channel.

The benefit of the increased liquidity, particularly for early races, will attract heightened Australian wagering interest. This will have a positive commercial benefit to the New Zealand racing industry.

The New Zealand Racing Board has been exporting increased New Zealand racing to Australia since the start of the 2007/08 racing season. Tabcorp now take Monday to Saturday broadcasts from New Zealand which provides a better consistency of product for punters in Australia, particularly in the morning timeslot from 10am Australian eastern standard time.

“Since June 2007, bets placed with the New Zealand TAB on commingled races have added approximately \$200 million to the Australian SuperTAB pool. This extension to our current agreement will take us a further step towards our goal of taking New Zealand racing and wagering to the world.”

“Already we are seeing advantages for our New Zealand stakeholders. The bigger pools are lowering price volatility for Kiwi punters and are giving them greater opportunities to follow New Zealand bred horses, jockeys, drivers and trainers throughout their Australian campaigns.”

“Increased international interest in New Zealand racing, and New Zealand bred horses, will strengthen our ability to compete in the global racing and wagering community. This will deliver significant benefits to the New Zealand racing industry and the New Zealand economy,” said Mr Hansen.

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