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TABCORP TO EXTEND WAGERING ON NZ HARNESS RACING

The New Zealand Racing Board announced today that it is to extend its commingling agreements with Tabcorp to include commingling on Friday night harness racing not currently broadcast via Sky Channel in Australia.

Tabcorp currently takes two to four New Zealand harness races each Friday and broadcasts those races on Sky Channel. From Friday 23 May, Tabcorp will extend their Friday wagering schedule to include commingling on an entire New Zealand harness meeting.

"These additional races won't be broadcast on Australia's Sky Channel but Tabcorp customers will be able to place a win, place and quinella bet on New Zealand's Friday night harness racing into the commingled New Zealand pool. This will significantly increase the pool liquidity for New Zealand TAB customers", said Graeme Hansen, Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Racing Board.

Edward Rennell, General Manager of Harness Racing New Zealand has welcomed the move. "Greater exposure of New Zealand harness racing, particularly our premier meetings, will be of great benefit to our industry. New Zealand harness horses competing in Australia attract plenty of interest and we are delighted to give Australian punters the opportunity to follow these horses on their home turf."

The New Zealand Racing Board and Tabcorp have successfully trialled this type of arrangement with New Zealand thoroughbred racing on Saturday's.

"Under our current agreement, Tabcorp is committed to taking four New Zealand thoroughbred races every Saturday. From 9 June 2008, Tabcorp will offer wagering on all Saturday New Zealand thoroughbred racing from 11am," said Mr Hansen.

"The expansion of TAB betting on New Zealand Friday night harness racing provides Tabcorp's customers with greater choice," said Tabcorp's Managing Director of Wagering, Robert Nason.

"Betting on New Zealand harness racing continues to be popular with Tabcorp customers and forms a key element of our international wagering offer."

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