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Dear Mike

RE: Article by Bart Sinclair in courier mail 10/03/08 Synthetic Track

Following an article by Bart Sinclair in today's Courier Mail on Synthetic Tracks the connotations in the article were that Queensland Racing Limited had by-passed a Queensland company in the selection of the synthetic track surface.

- Poly track is mentioned in the article as a Queensland company this is not correct Poly-track is owned and manufactured by a UK company Martin Collins Incorporated of London.
- The only Queensland connection is Poly-track uses a Queensland agent Kim Elliot located from a produce business at Woodford
- By dealing with cushion track Queensland Racing had the opportunity to deal direct with the manufacture
- Martin Collins Inc is one of the largest recycling companies in Europe and this is where the majority of materials are sourced, cushion track uses new materials not recycled.

- Poly-track could not guarantee that they could replicate the same surface for a second track
- Poly-track was more expensive
- Poly track would not give a guarantee
- Cushion track came with a 7 year guarantee.
- Singapore conditions are different to Queensland

Mike, full diligence was done on both tracks before a decision was made.

Regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. G. Bentley', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MR R. G. BENTLEY
Chairman