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Press Release

Bangalore Turf Club to host the 55th edition of the Indian Turf Invitation Cup

Bangalore, 1st March, 2017:

The Bangalore Turf Club is proud to host the 55th running of the Indian Turf Invitation Cup on the first Sunday of March 2017. Now billed as THE INVITATION WEEKEND, it promises to be a veritable carnival of racing that will see the crème de la crème of the Equine Breed competing for Championship Honours.

Four Grade I Races, one Grade II and backed up with 11 Million Races will make the Invitation Weekend of 2017 truly exclusive. And matching that exclusivity is the Advertised Stake Money on offer at an incredible 50 Million Rupees that makes it the richest two days of Racing in the history of the Turf.

Mr. N. Harindra Shetty, Chairman of the Bangalore Turf Club, said, "we are very pleased to host the 55th edition of the INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP, the racing extravaganza which is yet another step taken to raise the profile of horse racing in India. This would not have been possible without the active support of all sections of the racing industry - sponsors, members, owners, trainers, jockeys, employees, press, racing patrons and other extended members of the racing fraternity. It is not only the equine breed that will be competing for honours over the weekend but the two-day racing will also witness the INDIAN RACING AWARDS presented to the Champion Owner, Trainer, Jockey and Breeder, based on their performance over the period 1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016. Each category is being judged on a formula that has been compiled and approved by the Turf Authorities of India."

In addition to the racing, a Bangalore-based race enthusiast is being inducted into the exclusive **HALL OF FAME**, for the outstanding performance / contribution and service to the sport of Horse Racing. During the racing event, as part of a tradition that BTC has been following for a long time, considerable sums of money will be extended to seven charitable institutions, primarily involved in supporting under privileged sections of the society and promoting equine welfare.

Other attractions await patrons at the racecourse. Lucky draw for patrons nominating the winners correctly in the three races on Saturday, THE ORIGINAL VEL CONTEST OF SKILL, with a bumper prize of MARUTI ERITIGA and seven other prizes for THE ORIGINAL VEL MILLION – Race No. 5, DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 6 and THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 7 and the lucky draw for patrons nominating the winners in the three races on Sunday, MR. DEVARAJ PALANISWAMY CONTEST OF SKILL, with a bumper prize of MARUTI ERITIGA and seven other prizes for THE SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI MILLION TROPHY (Grade II) – Race No. 5, THE MAJ.P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 6 and THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 7.

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Mr. N. Harindra Shetty, Chairman of the Bangalore Turf Club added that a gala awards function has been organized at the Bangalore Palace to honour the champions across various categories and will be conducted by popular Bollywood actress Chitrangada Singh and the show will also feature performances from Terence Lewis Dance Company, International Symphony Orchestra and DJ Suketu. At the race course there will also be floats showcasing the rich history of Karnataka.

RACE SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2017

- (1) THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I) and THE DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I) - two Grade I Races that will hold center stage
- (2) THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I) will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs - the race will determine the **Champion Sprinter**
- (3) THE DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I) will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs – the race will determine the **Champion Stayer**

RACE SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2017

- (1) THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (Grade I) and THE MAJOR P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE (Grade I) will be the two races that will hold the pride of place
- (2) THE MAJOR P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE (Grade I) will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs - the race will determine the **Champion Miler**
- (3) THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP will carry stake money of Rs. 1.55 crores plus Trophies valued at Rs. 6.00 lakhs - the race will determine the **Champion of Champions** on the Race Turf.

THE SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI MILLION TROPHY (Grade II), a sweepstakes race, carrying added money of Rs. 20.00 lakhs will be another attraction on Sunday, 5th March 2017 and will be run by rotation at the centre where the INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP is being hosted.

Mr. N. Harindra Shetty, Chairman of the Bangalore Turf Club that BTC would also like to extend its gratitude to the following sponsors for their support to the INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP RACING WEEKEND: M/s. Sans Craintes Stud Farm (P) Ltd., M/s. Garuda Group, M/s. United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Original Vel Sporting News, M/s. Rajan Aggarwal and Gautam Agarwal, Mr. Pallon Shapoor Mistry, M/s. K.T.G. Group, M/s. Hindu Group of Publications, Karnataka Racehorse Owners Association and Indiarace.com.

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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Friends,

We have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the press conference.

I. Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. has the honour of hosting THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP. This year marks the twelfth time that THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP will be run at Bangalore and also the 55th edition of the event. The two days of action packed sport will feature FOUR Grade I Races and One Grade II Races. This is easily the most prestigious, glamorous and competitive Racing Weekend. With over 51 Million Rupees in Stake Money being offered, this is the richest Weekend in the history of the Turf in India.

SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2017

- (1) **THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I) and THE DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I) will be the two Grade I Races that will hold center stage.**
- (2) **THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I) will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs - The race to determine the Champion Sprinter.**
- (3) **THE DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I) will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs - The race to determine the Champion Stayer.**

ii. We would like to thank the Mysore Race Club and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust for the sponsorship support extended to the Club.

SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2017

- (1) **THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (Grade I) and THE MAJOR P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE (Grade I)** will be the two races that will hold the pride of place.
- (2) **THE MAJOR P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE (Grade I)** will carry stakes of Rs. 50 lakhs, apart from Trophies valued at Rs.2.50 lakhs - **The race to determine the Champion Miler.**
- (3) **THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP** will carry stake money of Rs. 1.55 crores plus Trophies valued at Rs. 6.00 lakhs - **The race that determines the Champion of all Champions on the Race Turf.**

iii. We would like to thank M/s. Usha Stud and Agricultural Farms Pvt. Ltd. for the sponsorship support extended to the Club.

iv. **THE SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI MILLION TROPHY (Grade II)**, a sweepstakes race, carrying added money of Rs. 20.00 lakhs will be another attraction on Sunday, 5th March 2017 and will be run by rotation at the centre where the INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP is hosted. We would like to thank Mr. Marthand S.Mahindra for sponsoring the race.

v. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors for their support to racing at Bangalore during the INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP RACING WEEKEND:

- (1) M/s. Sans Craintes Stud Farm (P) Ltd.
- (2) M/s. Garuda Group
- (3) M/s. United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Pvt. Ltd.
- (4) M/s. Original Vel Sporting News
- (5) M/s. Rajan Aggarwal and Gautam Agarwal
- (6) Mr. Pallon Shapoor Mistry
- (7) M/s. K.T.G. Group
- (8) M/s. Hindu Group of Publications
- (9) Karnataka Racehorse Owners Association
- (10) Indiarace.com

VI. An event of the magnitude of THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP RACING WEEKEND entails a huge amount of work and planning. This would never have been possible without the active support of all sections of the Racing Industry. On this occasion, we wish to specially thank Sponsors, Members, Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, Employees, Press, Racing Patrons and other Members of the Racing Fraternity. We also wish to place on record the active support extended by the entire racing fraternity for hosting the event.

VII. With participation of one and all, THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP RACING WEEKEND will unfold with all its traditional splendour during the coming weekend. This racing extravaganza is yet another representative step in our collective effort to raise the profile of horse racing in the country.

VIII. It is not only the equine breed that will be competing for honours over the weekend. The Weekend will also witness the INDIAN RACING AWARDS presented to the Champion Owner, Trainer, Jockey and Breeder, based on their performance over the period 1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016. Each category is judged on a formula that was compiled and approved by the Turf Authorities of India.

IX. In addition, there will be the very exclusive inductee to the HALL OF FAME, which is for a Bangalore based individual for his outstanding performance or outstanding contribution and service to the sport of Horse Racing.

X. We would also like to mention here that the Club for long has been associated with promoting charitable institutions. Pursuant to this objective, the Club over the weekend would be contributing amounts to seven charitable institutions, primarily involved in supporting under privileged sections of society and promoting equine welfare.

XI. Apart from exciting racing, large attractions await patrons at the racecourse. There will be lucky skill of contest on both the days. There will be a lucky draw for patrons nominating the winners correctly in the following three races on Saturday, 4th March 2017 for **THE ORIGINAL VEL CONTEST OF SKILL**, with a bumper prize of MARUTI ERITIGA and seven other prizes:

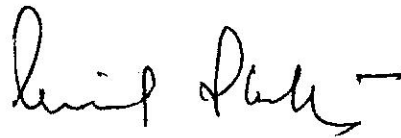
- (1) **THE ORIGINAL VEL MILLION** – Race No. 5
- (2) **DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP (Grade I)** – Race No. 6
- (3) **THE MYSORE RACE CLUB SPRINTERS' CUP (Grade I)** – Race No. 7

XII. There will be a lucky draw for patrons nominating the winners correctly in the following three races on Sunday, 5th March 2017 for **MR. DEVARAJ PALANISWAMY CONTEST OF SKILL**, with a bumper prize of MARUTI ERITIGA and seven other prizes:

- (1) **THE SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI MILLION TROPHY (Grade II) – Race No. 5**
- (2) **THE MAJ.P.K.MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 6**
- (3) **THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (Grade I) – Race No. 7**

XIII. While concluding, we must mention that the entire programme is being dedicated to the champion racehorse and the racing enthusiasts. **MAY THE BEST HORSES WIN.**

XIV. Let us join together over the weekend to raise a toast to the Champions on the Turf and to rededicate ourselves for the Glory of Horse Racing.



Bangalore
Dated: 1st March 2017

(N.HARINDRA SHETTY)
CHAIRMAN
TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA