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TASK FORCE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today that 36 representatives from the horse industry in Kentucky have agreed to join the Sales Integrity Task Force.

TOBA, along with Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association, agreed to reconvene the task force earlier this year after legislation was filed in Frankfort, Ky. that would address ownership and medication disclosures at public auctions, as well as licensing of bloodstock agents. Under an agreement with Representative Larry Clark (D-Louisville), sponsor of House Bill 388, the task force must report its progress and recommendations to the Interim Joint Licensing & Occupations Committee by June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2007.

“This is a unique opportunity and important industry initiative that requires participation from a broad-based group of buyers and sellers, as well as the sales companies,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “The work of the task force will have a significant impact on equine public auctions in Kentucky and we look forward to reaching a consensus within the industry on these important issues.”

The Sales Integrity Task Force originally met in 2004. The new members of the task force include representatives from the Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse, Saddlebred, Walking Horse and Mountain Horse breeds. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled for May.

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Members of the task force are as follows:

John Adger (Stonerside Stables)
Mike Akers (Dapple Bloodstock)
Headley Bell (Nicoma Bloodstock)
Jimmy Bell (Darley USA)
Reynolds Bell (Reynolds Bell Thoroughbred Services)
Wayne Boyd (Western Kentucky Horse Sales)
Boyd Browing (Fasig-Tipton)
Bill Casner (WinStar Farm)
Robert Clay (Three Chimneys)
Joe Costa (Tattersalls)
Charles “Redd” Crabtree (Crabtree Farms)
Bruce Crowe (United Mountain Horse Association)
Bill Farish (Lane’s End)
Bill Heiligbrodt (Heiligbrodt Racing Stable)
Jess Jackson (Stonestreet Farm)
Ken Jackson (Kentuckiana Farms)
Bill Landes (Hermitage Farm)
Norman Luba (Kentucky Quarter Horse Association)
Tom Ludt (Vinery)
Reiley McDonald (Eaton Sales)
Martha Jane Mulholland (Mulholland Springs Farm)
Nick Nicholson (Keeneland Association)
Denny Nunnelley (Kentucky Quarter Horse Racing Association)
Frank Penn (Pennbrook Farm)
Walt Robertson (Fasig-Tipton)
Earl Rogers (Kentucky Walking Horse Association)
Geoffrey Russell (Keeneland Association)
Dermot Ryan (Ashford Stud)
Satish Sanan (Padua Stables)
Fred Sarver (American Saddlebred Horse Association)
Fred Seitz (Thoroughbred trainer/Brookdale Farm)
John Sikura (Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms)
Mark Taylor (Taylor Made Farm)
John Ward (Thoroughbred trainer)
Jack Wolf (Starlight Stables)
Bayne Welker (Mill Ridge Farm)

Alex Waldrop, president of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, will be the moderator for the task force. Administrative support for the task force will be provided by Dan Metzger of TOBA, Patrick Neely of KEEP and David Switzer of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred breeders and owners. TOBA’s mission is to “*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and*

breeders.” Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The Racing Game and the Claiming Crown. TOBA is also represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. TOBA owns The Blood-Horse, Inc. More information on TOBA appears on www.toba.org.

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