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World Class Sprinter to Join Haunui Roster in 2007

Haunui Farm is delighted to announce that world-class, international sprinter **Iffraaj** (GB) (Zafonic) will be joining our stallion roster for the 2007 breeding season.

A three-time Group Two winner and Group One place getter, Iffraaj won seven races in a thirteen start career that saw him compete in the very top echelons of Northern Hemisphere racing. With a pedigree that matches his on track performance and head-turning good looks, Iffraaj would find favour in any country of the thoroughbred world.

An outstanding sprinter on turf and the winner of the Group Two Goodwood Lennox Stakes (7f) and the Group Two Doncaster Park Stakes (7f) - twice (run at York in 2006 and re-named the York Park Stakes), Iffraaj was desperately unlucky not to claim Group One status when beaten a head by Les Arcs in the 2006 July Cup (6f) who at his previous start, won the Group One Golden Jubilee Stakes (6f).



One of few northern hemisphere blue bloods given the opportunity to race past his three-year-old year, Iffraaj's racetrack performance is made even more impressive after suffering injury early in his three-year-old season and returning to the track almost twelve months later to re-ignite his career with a hat trick of wins.

A sprinter at his best on good ground with a strong physical presence and a swift turn of foot, Iffraaj broke the course record for 7f when winning his final start in the Group Two Doncaster Park Stakes stopping the clock in 1.21.98.

Iffraaj's early racing was undertaken from the stable of Michael Jarvis before being transferred to the all conquering Godolphin. With a Timeform rating of 127 and an International Classification of 128 upon retirement, Iffraaj was rated above numerous international performers including **Electrocutionist** - three-time Group One-winner including the Dubai World Cup - **Takeover Target** - four-time Group One-winner and Champion Australian Sprinter - **Les Arcs** - two-time Group One-winner including the July Cup - **Ad Valorem** - two-time Group One-winner including the Middle Park Stakes and Queen Anne Stakes - and **Ouija Board** - seven-time Group One winner and Champion European Mare.

By Champion two and three-year-old **Zafonic (USA)** (Gone West), who is by the same sire as the exciting **Elusive Quality (USA)**, Iffraaj represents the successful Mr Prospector sire line. The ill-fated Zafonic was crowned leading first season sire in 1997 and his 64% winners to starters and 8.5% stakes winners to foals ratio are undoubtedly impressive statistics.

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Iffraaj's dam, the **Nureyev (USA)** (Northern Dancer) mare **Pastorale (GB)** is herself a daughter of Champion Two-Year-Old filly **Park Appeal (GB)** (Ahanooora) making her a half sister to successful sire **Cape Cross (Ire)** (Green Desert) and the dam of dual Group One-winner and Group One sire **Diktat (GB)** (Warning). This distaff line represents a family that has produced not only Group One colts but also Group One fillies of the highest order including three 1000 Guineas winners in the form of **Park Appeal**, **Shadayid (USA)** (Shadeed) and **Russian Rhythm (USA)** (Kingmambo).

“It's been no secret that we have been on the look-out for a new stallion to join our roster for quite some time,” said Haunui Farm's Mark Chitty. “We had been made aware that Iffraaj was available and the more we found out about the horse, the harder it was to find any other that matched his credentials,” he said. “He scored a tick in every box of our stallion selection criteria, just like Soviet Star and Almutawakel did, and when we compared him to other horses that were available, there was just no contest,” said Mark.

Iffraaj is currently serving his first book of 150 mares at Kildangan Stud in Ireland. “Iffraaj immediately takes the eye,” says Joe Osborne, Managing Director of Kildangan. “He has a lovely head, a strong physical presence being 16.1hh with good bone, natural muscle and a strong hind quarter,” he said. “Conformationally he is very hard to fault and he has proved very popular with breeders in his first Northern Hemisphere season,” said Joe.

Brought to New Zealand by a partnership which also includes Gerald and Rex Fell's Fairdale Stud, Brent and Cherry Taylor's Trelawney Stud, Jim and Chris Campin of Chequers Stud, and Richard and David Moore of Soliloquy Lodge, Iffraaj will stand for a fee of NZ\$12,000 + GST and will be limited to a book of 120 mares when he joins the Haunui roster for the southern hemisphere season. “We set his service fee in recognition that broodmare owners need to have the opportunity to make a return on their bloodstock investments,” said Mark.

“As always we will be maintaining our loyalty programme for those who have supported Haunui and our stallions in the past,” said Mark.

Iffraaj will join resident Haunui stallion **Don Eduardo (NZ)** (Zabeel) who will once again stand for a fee of NZ\$10,000 + GST and, **Elusive City (USA)** (Elusive Quality) who will return from another successful season in Ireland and also stand at an unchanged fee of NZ\$8,000 + GST. All Haunui stallions carry a free return.

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Easter Sale full of Surprises

After selling our first million dollar yearling at Karaka earlier this year, it was certainly a huge surprise to sell another at last month's Sydney Easter Yearling Sale.

Firmly cemented as the leading Southern Hemisphere yearling sale for a number of years, the 2007 edition was no different with a record aggregate and average along with 23 yearlings selling for a million dollars or more.

It was on the first day of the sale that the Haunui team received a huge although unexpected, thrill when Lot 79 entered the sale ring.

An outstanding type, the colt by Elusive Quality (USA) (Gone West) out of the full sister to Flitter (Aus) (Bluebird) in Blue Quail (Aus), was very popular in the days leading into the sale.

"He was definitely one of the nicest colts that we have prepared," said Haunui's Mark Chitty. "He was an eye catcher that's for sure and it just turns out he caught the eye of the right man," he said with a wry smile.

That man is Sheikh Bin Kalifa Al Maktoum who was the successful bidder through his bloodstock agent Tim Stake-mire, the colt finally knocked down at A\$1.4 million. "It was truly an unbelievable result—the colt was on the market at \$200,000!" he said.

Congratulations should also be given to the colt's breeders, Don and Rochelle McLaren, who have put so much into the New Zealand industry.

"It was a great thrill to be able to sell this colt for Don—his first million dollar

yearling," said Mark.

This result was backed up on the second day of the sale—the night session—where Woodlands Stud paid A\$475,000 for a Flying Spur (Aus) (Danehill) filly out of a three-quarter sister to Activation whilst later that night, Tim Martin went to A\$300,000 for a Zabeel (NZ) (Sir Tristram) half sister to The Duke (Aus) (Danehill).

"It was definitely a very successful sale for us," said Mark. "As always, it's important to take the right types to the sale and it wasn't all plain sailing but we managed a 100% clearance rate and came home well above budget!"



The A\$1. million colt by Elusive Quality out of Blue Quail

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Strong Draft of Weanlings for NZB Sale

“THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE MIDDLE MARKET WAS MUCH STRONGER AT KARAKA THIS YEAR AND WITH RESULTS LIKE THAT, IT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE PIN-HOOKING MARKET FOR WEANLINGS WILL BE STRONGER AS WELL.”

Haunui's draft of fifteen weanlings will make their way to Karaka on Thursday for New Zealand Bloodstock's National Weanling Sale with Haunui's Mark Chitty confident of achieving some good results.

“We have about seven or eight weanlings in the draft that are very good types and will grow into nice yearlings,” said Mark. “We have a Cape Cross colt who should be fairly popular considering the great results Cape Cross has had this season,” says Mark, “and we have some Elusive City and Don Eduardo's that will grow into very nice yearlings,” he said.

The William Inglis weanling sale recently held saw strong demand from New Zealand buyers, no doubt due to the strength of the middle market at Karaka 2007.

“There is no doubt that Karaka was far stronger in this area this year and the demand was there for the \$80,000–\$200,000 horses,” said Mark.

“This was one of the strengths of the sale and with results like that it would suggest that the pin-hooking market for weanlings will be stronger,” he said.

Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) will be represented by two fillies who carry their sire's trademark stamp of colour, natural muscle and a strong hind quarter. “One of the key factors highlighted by buyers at the yearling sales was that Elusive City has left a true line of horses—all identical in colour, conformation and stature,” said Mark. “His yearlings will end up in some of the best stables in Australasia like David Hayes, Gerald Ryan, Bart Cummings, Roger James and Mark Walker so they won't lack for opportunity,” he said.

Haunui's resident stallion Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel) has five weanlings in the draft—two colts and a filly. “Don Eduardo's two-year-olds have made an impression at the trials and the talk about them is very positive,” said Mark.

“There are a couple of smart individuals in our draft by him which should generate some interest,” he said.

Van Nistelrooy (USA) (Storm Cat), another stallion Haunui is involved in, has two up-standing colts and a well-made filly in the draft as well.

“Some people tend to think that as we are a commercial operation, we are selling weanlings that don't come up to scratch,” said Mark. “In some cases that is true but we also have to be realistic in that we only have room to prepare a certain number of yearlings,” he said. “Last year we sold an O'Reilly filly at this sale for \$15,000 and she went on to be re-sold as a yearling for \$75,000,” said Mark. “That is a great result for the buyer and I hope from this draft of weanlings that in eight months time, there will be more stories like that,” he said.



LOT 43 b f Elusive City—Capezio, from the family of Vercors



Lot 130 b c Don Eduardo—La Buster, from the family of Tall Poppy