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\$530,000 Corona Chick Filly

Tops Second Night Of Ruidoso Sale

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 31, 2008) – Mia Corona, a daughter of all-time leading sire First Down Dash and hall of famer Corona Chick, sold for \$530,000 to top the second night of the Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale on Saturday.

The sale continued the impressive gains from the first night with the average price, without buy backs, up 14.3 percent over the second night of the 2007 sale. This year, the average yearling price was \$50,325, up from \$44,037 in 2007.

The 152 yearlings that passed through the ring brought \$7,443,000, up 21.9 percent from the \$6,106,700 on the 142 yearlings sold in 2007.

The top end of the market was particularly strong with the number of yearlings bringing bids of \$100,000 or higher up 14.3 percent and those yearlings fetching bids of \$50,000 or more increasing by 36.8 percent.

The horse projected to top the sale by many insiders, Mia Corona, is the high seller through the first two nights of the three-day offering. She was consigned by Julianna Hawn Holt and purchased by Gary McKinney of Midland Texas.

Mia Corona is sired by quarter horse racing's all-time leading sire of money earners First Down Dash and out of two-time champion Corona Chick, a broodmare of the year and member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame. Mia Corona is a full sister to champion and All American Futurity winner Corona Cash and leading sire Corona Cartel.

Kas I Know, consigned by Ed Calvert, was the second high seller on Saturday night at \$265,000 on a bid from a group of five partners, including Calvert. The son of Corona Cartel is out of champion 3-year-old filly Cash For Kas, winner of the 2004 Grade 1 Champion Of Champions.