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Statement regarding Vanessa-Mae

On 19 June 2015, the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") upheld the appeal of Vanessa-Mae Vanakorn Nicholson, competing under the name Vanessa Vanakorn ("Ms. Vanakorn"), against the decision of the Federation Internationale de Ski ("FIS") Hearing Panel dated 6 November 2014 ("the CAS Decision").

FIS has not appealed and fully respects the verdict of the CAS, including its finding that Ms. Vanakorn and her entourage did not in any way fix, contrive or improperly influence the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the FIS-approved races held in Krvavec, Slovenia on 18 and 19 January 2014.

A copy of the CAS Decision can be found on its website at:
www.tas-cas.org/fileadmin/user_upload/FINAL_Award_CAS_3832_3833__internet_.pdf

FIS accepts that the statements made about Ms. Vanakorn's conduct at the Krvavec races were unjustified and unreservedly withdraws them. In settlement of Ms. Vanakorn's claim for damages for defamation, FIS has apologised and has made an appropriate payment to Ms. Vanakorn which she intends to pay to a charity of her choice.

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. Through its 123 member nations, more than 6'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, notably for the young. For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.