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Dear WADA Independent Observers,

The International Ski Federation (FIS) would like to thank you for submitting the Report from the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships that took place in Val di Fiemme (ITA) from 18<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2003.

We appreciate the observations and constructive suggestions made by the WADA Independent Observers. These will be of assistance in the compilation of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code, as well as the practical organisation of FIS Anti-Doping Activities in the future.

Please find following a number of comments to the Report:

- i. page 1, the Table of Contents does not mention points 4 & 5. The Annexes were not submitted to FIS
- ii. page 4, footnote 4 reference to accreditation and transportation.

Please see page 2, paragraph 3 of attachment (WADA IO VdF wada report-sl.pdf) with our comments on this matter.

- iii. page 6, first paragraph and IO Team recommendation in regard to targeted doping controls base on abnormal blood parameters.

We acknowledge the recommendation made by the IO Team to make transparent the process by which the blood testing results are determined by the FIS Doping Expert / Chairman of the FIS Medical Committee.



However the evaluation of the blood values is based on data gathered from longitudinal studies that now comprise two years measurements and can now be based on the personal profile of individual athletes, as opposed to merely using the standard haemoglobin value of 17.5 (to become 17.0) and 16.0 or reticulocytes of 2.0%. All blood data is also provided to WADA for use in the out-of-competition testing programme.

- iv. page 7, last line, “the FIS did not follow one recommendation of the Salt Lake City Olympic IO Report: that blood analysis be performed anonymously...”

The analysis of the blood samples by the IDTM expert were in fact carried out on an anonymous basis, since this person is not involved in the blood collection process and has no contact with the athlete. The reference code of the sample is provided to the expert to carry out the analysis whilst the form with details of the athlete’s name is completed with the values afterwards.

- v. page 14, second paragraph reference to doping control forms.

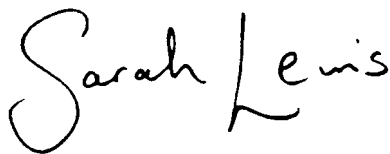
The doping control forms were provided by the Italian ADA and not FIS.

We would suggest that the corrections noted under points iv. and v. are incorporated into the final version of the Report.

The WADA Independent Observer’s Report (that is already on the WADA Website) and comments from FIS will be forwarded to the Italian member of the FIS Medical Committee, Dr. Herbert Schönhuber as well as Dr. Giovanni Montani who was responsible for the organisation in Val di Fiemme, and to IDTM.

Kind regards

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Lewis  
Secretary General