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### FIS MEDIA INFO

#### **Sapporo 2007: 3 additional start prohibitions issued due to too high haemoglobin values**

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Sapporo, 23rd Feb, 2007/ -- On the fourth day of the FIS pre-competition blood testing programme applicable to all Cross-Country and Nordic Combined Athletes prior to their first competition at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, the following 3 athletes have today been issued with a start prohibition for five consecutive days due to too high haemoglobin values:

Start prohibition 23.2. - 27.2.2007

Jaak Mae (EST)  
Eugeni Dementiev (RUS)  
Nikolai Pankratov (RUS)

These Athletes are in addition to the six Athletes that received a start prohibition on 21st February, 2007:

Start prohibition 21.2. - 25.2.2007

Nordic Combined:  
Voronin Konstantin (RUS)  
Dmitry Matveev (RUS)  
Jochen Strobl (ITA)

Cross-Country:  
Alen Abramovic (CRO)  
Sergei Dolidovich (BLR)  
Reto Burgermeister (SUI)

It should be emphasized that this start prohibition is not a sanction, but is considered to serve to protect the health of the Athlete. Consequently, no disciplinary measures will be taken. So far, 344 Athletes have been tested.

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For further information please contact Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General in Sapporo on +81 80 1971 0190 (Japanese time CET +8)

Additional resources:

FIS Procedural Guidelines 2006/2007 to the FIS Anti-Doping

Rules, please go to: <http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fis-procedural-guidelines-2006-2007.pdf>

Current news: FIS continues fight against doping

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/newsinformation/pressreleases/press-releases-2007/sapporo-anti-doping.html>

FIS Fact Sheet on WADA supported Haemoglobin Variation Study in Elite Cross-Country Skiers

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fis-fact-sheet-wada-supported-variation-study.pdf>

FIS Fact Sheet on FIS Medical and Anti-Doping Activities

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fis-fact-sheet-fis-medical-and-anti-doping-activities.pdf>

FIS Media Info on the CAS decision during the Olympic Winter Games in Turin

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/cas.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions to Bengt Saltin in Turin 2006

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/faq.pdf>