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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Oberhof (GER), December, 30th 2007

Moan wins, Demong 2nd, Tande 3rd

Magnus Moan (NOR) could gain his first victory of the season after a tough start into the winter. Bill Demong (USA) got second, just some centimetres behind Moan on the picture of the Foto Finish. Moan's team mate Petter Tande could complete the podium with his third place.

Leading after the jumping, David Zauner from Austria, who just dominated the World Cup B in the last period, could not hold on to his lead and finished 24th in the end. Moan was 14th, Demong 15th and Tande 12th.

With this victory today, Moan climbs up some places in the overall World Cup and is now seventh with 255 points. The leader of the ranking is still the German Björn Kircheisen with now 463 points in front of his team mate Ronny Ackermann (421 points) and Bill Demong (352 points).

The Nation Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 1339 points in front of Austria (966 points) and Norway (698 points).

The next competition (Sprint) will be in Schonach, Germany, on the 5th of January.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 38/11

Spectators: 8000 (SJ), 11.000 (XC)

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 50 media (print (29) and photo (21)), 4TV, HBC: in front

Weather: fog (SJ), snowfall (XC), -1°C

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Snow Conditions: compact

Special Remarks:

DNS (XC): Heer (SUI)

Pictures:

Please note that high quality action and podium pictures from today's competitions are available for purchase through the Internet portal offered by Nordic Focus, FIS Partner for photos from the Nordic Disciplines, at www.nordicfocus.com.

Quotes:

Magnus Moan (NOR): "I can't believe it! I really made it! I am so happy that I was able to win today. It was such a tough start into the season but I have never stopped believing in myself and what I can. I knew that my jumps were good in summer so I kept on hoping that it will come back and it came. I can't really say what it was, but the jumps are getting better and better now. The race was very hard today. Bill and I talked before the race because we knew, that we had to work together in order to be able to catch the first guys. Half of my victory belongs to him! It was a really nice after Christmas present and I hope that I can stabilize this form and be on top again in Schonach where we normally another great cheering crowd like here in Oberhof – that was amazing today!"

Bill Demong (USA): "Yes, it was close and we didn't know for quite a while who had won. Sure I would have liked to have won, but that's how our sport is. My jumps were not that good; I can definitely do better than that. The first two laps of the race felt quite tiring for me. I hadn't done any speed work at home during Christmas as we were only six days at home. But then skiing felt much better and it was easier to stay close to Magnus and Petter. Magnus and me talked before the race and decided to work together to catch the first group. We weren't sure if it would work to get to them so we were somehow surprised that we caught them already in the pre-last round. It snowed quite a bit which slowed the speed of

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the race down, however, we made to the group and I lead for quite some time. My second place is a very nice finish of the year 2007 and I hope the new year will start the same way. ”

Petter Tande (NOR): “I had a really good cross country skiing race and I am very happy with my third place. I can do better in jumping so hopefully I can show some better jumps again in the next competitions. However it is great for our team that Magnus won. Now we are back on top with two guys which motivates the others and keeps the spirit high. I am going home now and hope to relax and train over new year and then start with a good competition in Schonach into the year 2008!”

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