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FIS takes lead in best practice governance with GSI appointment

The International Ski Federation (FIS) is delighted to announce the appointment of Global Sports Investigations (GSI) to deliver and operate a series of governance reforms including a whistleblowing hotline, an independent ethics office for the preliminary assessment of concerns raised, as well as providing ancillary intelligence support.

By appointing GSI to deliver this independent facility to enable concerns to be raised and dealt with sensitively, confidentially and appropriately, FIS is taking the lead in best practice governance and maintaining the highest standards of integrity in the sports of skiing and snowboarding.

Global Sports Investigations (GSI), a joint venture between The Sports Consultancy and Quest delivers a combined team of expert investigators, lawyers and consultants – specifically in sport – offering sporting bodies: scoping and consultation; investigations; ongoing monitoring; recommendations, and implementation. This end-to-end offering is unique in the sports world. From expert knowledge and experience on betting, integrity and athlete welfare, to anti-doping, governance and transparency, safeguarding and commercial rights, GSI advises and investigates on all fronts.

Commenting on the appointment Robert Datnow, Joint Managing Director, The Sports Consultancy said:

“We are thrilled that the FIS has recognised the importance of a service such as ours and is a great example of how GSI has made huge steps forward since its launch last December. One of the reasons for this, is that in a climate of ever-increasing scrutiny into the welfare of athletes, and the rising emphasis on integrity, transparency and the better governance of sport, the need for truly independent, sports-specific, professional management of investigations and inquiries has never been more paramount.”

Eddie Marshbaum, Director of Sports Integrity at Quest added:

“We are delighted to be working with the FIS on such a vital initiative. By providing a strictly independent, dedicated facility for concerns to be raised, evaluated and addressed, FIS is taking the lead in applying best practice governance and ensuring that the highest

standards of integrity are maintained within the organisation and the sports of skiing and snowboarding.”

FIS Council Member and Chairman of the Doping Panel Patrick Smith stated:

“The implementation by FIS of the system to handle breaches of governance, through GSI as an independent and highly reputed specialist, is a key step to demonstrate the importance of protecting the integrity of sport and FIS. This measure sends a clear message that FIS is totally committed to its stated “no tolerance” policy against all aspects of unethical behaviour; including doping, corruption, manipulation of competitions and safeguarding against harassment and abuse”.

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About FIS

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 130 member nations, more than 7'500 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.

About Global Sports Investigations

Global Sports Investigations ('GSI') is a service offering a bespoke and independent investigations and advisory service to the sports industry, harnessing the expertise and skills the industry's leading service providers, Quest, The Sports Consultancy and The Sports Consultancy Legal, alongside a network of leading experts.

In an environment where risk must be managed and mitigated professionally and effectively, GSI provides lasting solutions to all stakeholders in the sports industry to ensure that the integrity of their organisations, people and systems is intact. The team is comprised of individuals with investigative, legal, consulting and commercial expertise, all with a deep and experienced understanding of the sports industry.

GSI can provide a tailored and comprehensive suite of investigative, consulting and legal services required to develop, carry out and implement any inquiry, as well as a full range of complementary services.

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