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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**FIS MEDIA INFO****Snowboarder Jonatan Johansson (SWE) dies after training crash**

Oberhofen, 13th March, 2006/ -- Snowboarder Jonatan Johansson (SWE) died Sunday as a result of injuries he suffered after a fall during official training for a NOKIA Snowboard FIS World Cup snowboardcross (SBX) competition in Lake Placid, New York (USA). The competition was cancelled by the FIS Competition Jury following the tragic accident.

Johansson, a 26-year-old member of the Swedish Olympic team in Turin and a long-time participant in the FIS Snowboard World Cup, was on course alone as he fell during training at around 9:20AM local time (15:20 CET) on Sunday, 12th March, 2006. He was wearing a helmet, as mandated by the rules for FIS Snowboard competitions. The athlete was treated on the scene before being transported by ambulance to a medical center in Lake Placid. He was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at the medical center. An autopsy to determine the cause of death is expected Monday.

FIS sends its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jonatan Johansson, and to the Swedish Ski Association.

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Founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France, the International Ski Federation (FIS) aims to promote the sport of skiing and snowboarding and directs the development of all ski and snowboarding activities world-wide. FIS administers the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. With the help of its 112 member nations (one currently suspended), it stages more than 6'000 ski and snowboard competitions annually. FIS also makes recommendations for recreational skiing and snowboarding in the interest of all and promotes play in the snow as a healthy leisure activity for children and the youth. For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.