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RE: Roman Kreuziger case – OPEN LETTER TO CADF PANEL

Sirs,

Let me address you by this open letter in the matter of Mr. Roman Kreuziger, on whose behalf I act as his attorney.

As you are well aware, in the above matter the Arbitration Board of the Czech Olympic Committee in its ruling of 22 September 2014 cleared Mr. Kreuziger of any anti-doping rule violation.

It appears that this decision has been taken based on new information submitted by the Rider during the proceedings at the COC Arbitration Board.

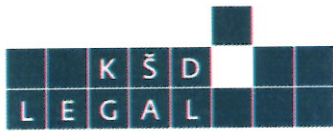
It has been demonstrated that these new elements were not known to you at the time of elaboration of your original experts' opinion concerning Mr. Kreuziger's blood profile, that led to your conclusion of likelihood of use of prohibited methods.

This new information includes, in particular, the following elements:

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1. Mr. Kreuziger's overt hypothyroidism and correspondent medication

The Rider presented a medical report from Dr. Fiala, his endocrinologist, confirming that the Rider suffers from severe overt hypothyroidism, and his thyroid insufficiency is compensated by a high dosage of L-Thyroxine, which increased significantly just in the period of his reticulocytes count increase as noted in his biological passport in 2011.

Apparently you were not informed of this fact, as you mention in your original report the Rider's hypothyroidism is only of "*minor severity*". We understand you reached this conclusion from the TSH level in the Rider's blood, but did not take into consideration the fact (probably unknown to you) that the Rider was already taking a high dosage of L-Thyroxine medication, which balanced the TSH levels to almost normal. Also, Prof. d'Onofrio confirmed during the COC Arbitration Board hearing that it was unknown to your panel that the Rider suffers from severe overt hypothyroidism.

The Rider also presented the Kim et al. paper, which demonstrates the effects of L-Thyroxine medication on patients with severe hypothyroidism, especially as concerns the reticulocytes count. Prof. d'Onofrio also confirmed during the hearing that this paper had not been taken into consideration by your panel when preparing the original opinion.

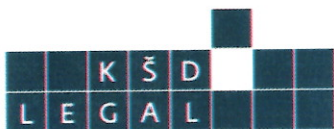
With regards to the above we believe that you lacked a number of vital elements when arriving at your original opinion, and that these elements are crucial to explain the increase in reticulocytes count of the Rider which you address in your report.

2. Blood samples not handled in accordance with WADA regulations

We carefully analysed the treatment of the Rider's blood samples serving as the basis for his biological passport records. To our surprise, we found 2/3 (!) of the blood samples were not stored and transported in accordance with WADA instructions. In the case of some samples the temperature limits had been demonstrably exceeded. In the case of many of the samples a data logger had not been used at all (!), which makes these samples unreliable for any scientific use, as nobody can estimate what the conditions during transportation actually were. This is precisely why the WADA instructions clearly prescribe data logger use.

We are sure you would agree with us that such unreliable samples cannot be used to establish any scientific result, and it would be in clear contravention of generally accepted standards of good clinical practice to base any scientific result on such unreliable samples.

Apparently this information was also unavailable to you previously so you could not have taken it into consideration.



With regard in particular to the above facts, we have requested an additional expert opinion on the Rider's biological passport from **Dr. Cristobal Belda Iniesta**, Director of the National School of Health in Madrid. You will find it attached for your information.

Consequently, with regard to all the above information, which was clearly not known to you when assessing your original expert opinion on Mr. Kreuziger's biological passport, **we would like to ask you to reconsider your opinion on the alleged probable use of prohibited methods by Mr. Kreuziger, in the light of this additional information.**

We believe you might have been misled by the lack of this information in your original assessment, and we believe that taking into account this important new information you would reach a different conclusion.

Sincerely

A blue ink signature of Jan Stovicek is written over the printed text of the letterhead.
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