## RICHARD H. MCLAREN INDEPENDENT PERSON WADA INVESTIGATION OF SOCHI ALLEGATIONS

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**Judge Guy Canivet** 

Chairman, Disciplinary Commission on McLaren Report

Your Honour

I respond to your letter of 18 October sent to Sir Craig Reedie in which you seek information and documents from the ongoing IP investigation.

First I would like to point out that I am, as the title denotes, independent from WADA. Please communicate directly with me, not through WADA.

As we discussed in our meeting you see your role as interviewing individuals named in the IP Report of 18 July 2016. You were very assertive in pointing out that you did not intend to address the veracity of my report. You described the purpose of your Commission is to determine whether individual Russian officials should be subject to discipline under Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter.

I note that there is no forthcoming Olympic Games where the sanctions of the Charter might apply. I would also respectfuly suggest that any evaluation of individual acts must be made in the context of how those acts fit into the overall Russian doping program as reported upon by me. The complete information that the IP has on the overarching situation will be described in the final IP Report.

Your list of documents and sources of information, now provided to me in English, in essence centres upon most of the documents and related information that is in the possession of the IP. Your request comes at a crucial windup stage of the ongoing investigation from which I cannot deviate at this time. It would be a very extensive and detailed task to undertake to provide any of the information you request. I will be finished my work before the year end at which time I will be in a better position to examine your request further and would be pleased to assist you in receiving the information you have requested, subject to confidentiality limitations.

As you described to me in our meeting, your Commission is eager to get on with its work and specific documents and other information in the possession of the IP could assist in that effort. It is my view that your Commission will benefit most from the full presentation of evidence that will be found in the Final IP Report, rather than some partial piecemeal production of documents now which, as I have indicated, would be a major distraction from the work of the IP at a crucial time.

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My priority as the IP is to complete my evidence gathering and issue the final IP Report as soon as possible. Responding to requests for documents and other information, of which I have received many, even for stakeholders like the IOC, will only delay my efforts and Report. Therefore, I respectfully ask that you wait a few more weeks so that I can provide you a more complete picture of the situation with the requested evidence subject of course to my confidentiality commitments.

I will work with you once the final IP Report has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. McLaren

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