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Via email: helena.duarte@maap.gov.pt

Dr Alexandre Mestre
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RE: Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code

Dear Dr Mestre,

The World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") is mandated by world Governments and the Sports Movement to lead and co-ordinate the fight against doping in sport. As part of its mandate, every two years WADA Management is required to report to the WADA Foundation Board on compliance by its Signatories with the World Anti-Doping Code ("the Code"). The Code has been in effect since January 2004 and included a subsequent revision of it. The revised version has been in effect since 2009. Code signatories therefore have had a total of seven years to work towards achieving Code-compliant rules and anti-doping programs.

In May 2011, an interim Code compliance report was presented to the WADA Foundation Board for its consideration. The report stated that the National Anti-Doping Agency of Portugal ("ADoP"), the designated organization responsible for anti-doping in Portugal, is not yet compliant as the anti-doping rules have not yet been amended in order to render them fully in line with the Code. If you require, we would be happy to provide the supporting documentation.

There is only a very short period of time between now and September 2011 (when the last interim Code Compliance report is due) and November 2011, when the final Code Compliance report will be tabled. We therefore urge your country to take every possible step necessary to make anti-doping a priority between now and then.

For your information, in the event that a Signatory is declared non-compliant by the WADA Foundation Board, under Article 23.5 of the Code the possible consequences include, but are not limited to:

"forfeiture of offices and positions within WADA; ineligibility or non-admission of any candidature to hold any International Event (sporting) in a country; cancellation of International Events (sporting); symbolic consequences and other consequences pursuant to the Olympic Charter."



Furthermore, if ADoP does not achieve compliance by November 2011, under Article 4.4 of the International Standard for Laboratories:

"Maintaining WADA Accreditation

In order for the laboratory to maintain its accreditation status, the NADO and/or NOC shall be declared Code-compliant (as determined by WADA)..."

We felt it prudent to advise you of the situation and to encourage the Portuguese authorities to take all possible measures to complete what is required in order to avoid the possible consequences mentioned above.

We would welcome a response to this letter, and would invite you to address your reply to Mr Rune Andersen at rune.anderson@wada-ama.org.

We reiterate our continued willingness and availability to work with Portugal in helping you achieve Code compliance.

Yours sincerely,

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