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VANESSA VANAKORN APPEALS TO THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 4 December 2014 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has received two appeals from Ms Vanessa Vanakorn, filed against the decisions taken by the Hearing Panel of the International Ski Federation (FIS) of 6 November 2014 and by the FIS Council on 18 November 2014, in relation to her qualification for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

The FIS Panel found that Ms Vanakorn was either an active or knowing participant in the manipulation of the results of four giant slalom races that took place in Krvavec, Slovenia in January 2014 and imposed on her a four-year ban from attending or participating in any FIS event. The FIS Council subsequently acknowledged such decision and cancelled the results of the four races in question. As a consequence of this decision, Ms Vanakorn was no longer eligible to compete in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games, and so the FIS Council submitted its decision to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for any further action in its competence.

In appealing to the CAS, Ms Vanakorn seeks the annulment of both decisions. Two arbitration procedures have been opened and are being conducted in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The CAS will not comment any further at this time.