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ATHLETICS – ANTI-DOPING

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) DISMISSES THE APPEAL FILED BY ALEX SCHWAZER (ITALY) AGAINST THE REJECTION OF HIS APPLICATION TO SUSPEND THE 8-YEAR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY IMPOSED ON HIM FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

Lausanne, 15 March 2024 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed the appeal filed by Italian racewalker Alex Schwazer against the decision taken by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) of World Athletics (WA) on 10 November 2023 (the Challenged Decision) in which his application, pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 (a) of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (WA ADR), to suspend the eight-year period of ineligibility, starting from 11 August 2016, imposed on him for his second doping offence was rejected.

WA denied the Athlete's "Substantial Assistance Application" following the negative assessment issued by the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) in relation to this matter.

The Challenged Decision is confirmed, and the period of ineligibility imposed on Alex Schwazer remains in force.

Rule 10.7.1 (a) of the WA ADR enables athletes serving a period of ineligibility to apply for the suspension of part of such period upon provision of substantial assistance in discovering or establishing other anti-doping rule violations.

The CAS Panel has issued the operative part of its decision. The reasoned award will be notified to the parties in due course and published by CAS unless the parties request confidentiality.