BEFORE THE SPORTS TRIBUNAL OF NEW ZEALAND

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BETWEEN

DRUG FREE SPORT NEW ZEALAND

Applicant

AND

CLAUDIA HANHAM

Respondent

AND

HOCKEY NEW ZEALAND

Interested Party

PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION DECISION Dated 13 NOVEMBER 2014

Tribunal:

Dr Jim Farmer QC (Deputy Chair)

Rob Hart

Paula Tesoriero

Registrar:

Brent Ellis

- Claudia Hanham is a women's NHL hockey player and a member of Hockey New Zealand, which adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2014 (the Rules) as its anti-doping policy.
- 2. Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFS) alleges that a sample collected on 7 September 2014 from Ms Hanham, after she played in a match, confirmed the presence of Prednisone.
- 3. Prednisone is prohibited under the 2014 World Anti-Doping Code
 Prohibited List. It is a "Specified Substance" under class S9
 Glucocorticosteroids.
- DFS applied for Ms Hanham's provisional suspension on 10 November 2014. The Tribunal scheduled a hearing for 14 November to decide the provisional suspension application.
- 5. On 13 November, Ms Hanham's counsel advised that Ms Hanham agreed to the Tribunal imposing a provisional suspension order and requested the Tribunal make the order without holding a hearing. DFS earlier advised it had no objection.
- 6. The Tribunal therefore cancels the hearing and provisionally suspends Ms Hanham, under rule 12.8, from 13 November 2014.
- 7. Under rule 12.9, Ms Hanham may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by Hockey New Zealand or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the Rules. Mr Hanham also competes in Touch and this order prevents her playing Touch, while it is in force.
- 8. Ms Hanham does not wish her B sample analysed. She requests that the matter be resolved quickly.
- 9. The Tribunal will hold a substantive hearing this month provided the substantive application is filed without delay and the parties promptly file their required documents and make themselves available for the hearing.

Dated 13 November 2014

Dr Jim Farmer QC Deputy Chair