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Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada welcomes new Executive Director

Toronto, Ontario - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Marie-Claude Asselin as its new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Asselin will commence her employment with the SDRCC on March 12, 2007 and will assume the role of Executive Director on April 1, 2007.

Ms. Asselin was previously the Manager of Education at the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), where she was responsible for developing doping prevention and education programs. She was also the initiator of the WADA Social Science Research Grant Program aimed at encouraging research to enable more efficient doping prevention strategies.

Prior to joining WADA, she spent 5 years at the Canadian Olympic Committee, working in games and high performance services, athlete services and event management. In addition to postgraduate studies combining sport sciences and sociology, Ms. Asselin brings to SDRCC a multi-faceted perspective of amateur sport with over 20 years of experience as athlete, coach, official, administrator, and volunteer.

"We are thrilled to have Marie-Claude join our team," said SDRCC Board Chairperson Allan Stitt. "Her skills and expertise align perfectly with the Centre's goal of building strong education and dispute prevention programs while maintaining dispute resolution services at the highest standards.

Ms. Asselin will succeed Benoit Girardin, who will remain the Executive Director of SDRCC until March 31, 2007. Mr. Girardin has been the SDRCC Executive Director since its inception and has brought skill, passion and leadership to the role and Ms. Asselin will look to continue the work that Mr. Girardin began.

About SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by Sport Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution.

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