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Dear Mr Geldenhuis

Rourke Croeser

During the SA Team training camp prior to the Andorra World Championships, the team was tested by the Spanish Anti-Doping authorities on the 30th August 2015. During this time, a search of rider's baggage was done. Rourke had medical diagnostic equipment and syringes. No other equipment or substances were found.

This was referred to us and we researched the anti-doping rules, and found no violation, in terms of WADA regulations, which was confirmed by SAIDS. Unfortunately, though, under the new UCI Medical Rules (published January 2015), syringes are banned items, and not allowed to be in a rider's possession. When we found this rule, it was pointed out to Rourke. Rourke voluntarily withdrew from the team, as the sanction for this rule violation extends not only to the rider, but to the National Team, Team Manager and Federation.

Rourke opted to rather leave than compete and incur a consequence of sanctions by the UCI that are far more onerous than an actual doping violation.

Rourke is free to continue riding, he has no suspension of any form, and we will not be taking any further action against him. Rourke's decision to rather not be foul of a rule is appreciated by the federation, and we will continue to support Rourke in his endeavours to qualify for Rio 2016.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards

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