

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

ACCEPTANCE OF SANCTION

I, Christian Vande Velde, accept the following sanction as a result of my doping offenses for my use of the prohibited substances erythropoietin ("EPO"), human growth hormone (hGH), cortisone and testosterone. I used prohibited substances from July 1999 through 2003 while a member of the United States Postal Service Cycling Team, during 2004 while a member of the Liberty Seguros Team and in 2005 through April 2006 while a member of the CSC Cycling Team. I acknowledge that I have violated the applicable rules, including the United States Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (the "Protocol"), the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") National Anti-Doping Policies ("USOC NADP"), USA Cycling rules regarding Medical Control and the Union Cycliste Internationale Anti-Doping Rules ("UCI ADR"), all of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code"), and I accept the following:

- Six (6) months period of ineligibility as described by the Code, beginning on September 1, 2012, from participation in any capacity in any activity or competition authorized by, organized by or under the auspices of any signatory to the Code, any member of any signatory, or a club or other member organization of a signatory's member organization, or in competitions authorized or organized by any professional league or any international or national-level even organization, this ineligibility includes, but is not limited to, ineligibility from participating or coaching in U.S. Olympic, Pan American Games or Paralympic Games Trials, being a member of any U.S. Olympic, Pan American Games or Paralympic Team and having access to the training facilities of the USOC Training Centers or other programs and activities of the USOC including, but not limited to benefits, grants, awards or employment as set forth in Section 5 of the USOC National Anti-Doping Policies and further defined by Annex B therein;
- Disqualification of the competitive results obtained from June 4, 2004 through April 31, 2006, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; and
- As required by USADA, I declined to participate in the 2012 Olympic Games as a member of the United States Olympic Team.
- I understand that as a consequence of this sanction I will be unable to compete in any competitions occurring within the six month period beginning on September 9, 2012, including being ineligible to compete in the 2012 UCI World (Road) Cycling Championships to be held September 15-23 in Limburg, The Netherlands.

I understand that my period of ineligibility has been reduced by USADA pursuant to Article 10.5.3 of the Code based on substantial assistance provided to USADA as outlined in my Cooperation Agreement entered into with USADA which requires that I provide truthful testimony regarding my violations of sports anti-doping rules and all violations of which I am aware. A portion of the testimony which I have provided to USADA is contained in an affidavit which I have provided to USADA and which is made a part of this Acceptance of Sanction. I



have also agreed to testify in anti-doping proceedings as requested by USADA as set forth in my Cooperation Agreement.

I do not contest the above sanction determined by USADA under the applicable rules, and I have agreed to the violations and resulting sanction. I knowingly and voluntarily waive any further right to contest or challenge my violations or this sanction.

I understand that USADA will communicate my acceptance to USA Cycling, who will impose this sanction, and to the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), the UCI and the USOC. I understand that neither the UCI nor WADA is bound by this resolution and that either or both may appeal this resolution to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS"). In the event of an appeal, the UCI or WADA has the authority to impose any sanction it chooses in accordance with the applicable rules. Also, in the event of such an appeal I reserve the right to file a cross-appeal with CAS and request that the sanction be reduced or eliminated.

I understand and accept that entities other than the USOC, the UCI, and USA Cycling, will give effect to this sanction including, but not limited to, the International Olympic Committee ("IOC"), signatories to the Code, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or any clubs, member associations or affiliates of the USOC or US Paralympics, if applicable. I understand and accept that it is my obligation to investigate the effect of this sanction on me by other entities.

I also understand that my anti-doping rule violations could affect the results of any team on which I competed and it is also my responsibility to consider the impact (if any) of my acceptance of sanction on my team's results.

I also understand and accept that under the Protocol, my doping violations and the resulting sanction will be publicly announced, that USADA will make such announcement at a time to be determined by USADA pursuant to the Protocol, and that USADA will provide me reasonable notice in advance of making such notice.

Also, in accordance with the Code, Protocol and the USOC NADP, I must during the period of my ineligibility continue to comply with all requirements of the USADA Out-of-Competition testing program, which includes completing quarterly whereabouts filings and promptly updating USADA regarding any changes in my whereabouts information so that I can be tested. I understand that any failure to comply with my whereabouts obligations during my period of ineligibility may extend my current period of ineligibility and may subject me to a further anti-doping rule violation and additional sanctions.

My current address and contact information is set forth below. I understand that within two weeks of forwarding this Acceptance of Sanction form to USADA I will receive, at my e-mail address set forth below, a user identification number and password to be used to complete the USADA Whereabouts Form in USADA's online whereabouts filing system. Within ten (10) days of USADA sending me a user name and password I agree to fully complete and submit



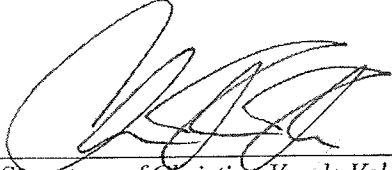
USADA's online Whereabouts Filing Form. I agree that in addition to any applicable sanctions for Whereabouts Failures provided for in the Code and the WADA International Standard for Testing my period of ineligibility for the instant anti-doping rule violation will be extended for a period of time equal to any period in which I have failed to comply with my obligation to provide whereabouts information to USADA.

I understand that if I retire during my period of ineligibility, additional time will be added to my period of ineligibility pursuant to Article 10.11 of the Code, which is incorporated into the applicable rules noted above. It is my responsibility to understand and comply with additional reinstatement obligations of my International Federation, National Governing Body or the USOC, if any.

I understand that USADA has proposed an amnesty program that would permit qualifying individuals in the sport of cycling who have committed anti-doping rule violations to eliminate or reduce their period of ineligibility below the period of ineligibility to which I have agreed. I understand that USADA considers my cooperation sufficient to qualify for amnesty and in the event that an amnesty program is offered by UCI, USADA, WADA or any other body USADA has agreed that notwithstanding any period of ineligibility I may have served and notwithstanding the expiration of any deadline for appealing or qualifying for amnesty that amnesty should be offered to me.

BY SIGNING BELOW I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING FACTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT, IN THE EVENT ANY OF THE FOREGOING OR ANY FUTURE REPRESENTATIONS TO USADA OR ANY OTHER ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATION ARE DETERMINED TO BE FALSE, INACCURATE OR MISLEADING, USADA MAY PURSUE ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL PENALTIES, SANCTIONS OR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE.

I ALSO AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS ACCEPTANCE OF SANCTION AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE CODE, THE PROTOCOL THE USOC NADP AND THE ANTI-DOPING RULES OF MY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION THAT RELATE TO MY ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS.



Signature of Christian Vande Velde

10/3/12

Date

Printed Name of Christian Vande Velde

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Current Address:

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Home Phone:

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Cell Phone:

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