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Minister Gosal Announces the Nomination of New SDRCC Chairperson and Board Members

Montréal (Québec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) welcomes the nominations by the Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport) of four new Board members and a new Chairperson. Mr. David H. de Vlieger succeeds at the helm of the SDRCC as Mr. Allan J. Sattin's second mandate ended on May 5. Joining the Board of Directors as of May 6 are Mr. Michael J. Bruni, Ms. Shu-Tai Cheng, Ms. Andréanne Morin and Mr. William L. Ryan.

David H. de Vlieger (Calgary, AB), a litigation lawyer in the oil and gas industry, has been an SDRCC Board member since July 13, 2013. A former competitive swimmer, he is still involved as a master swimmer and coach. David is serving his fifth year as Chair and eighth year as Board member of Swimming Natation Canada.

Michael J. Bruni (Calgary, AB) was a member and Chairman of Hockey Canada's Board of Directors. He currently sits on the Disciplinary Board of the International Ice Hockey Federation. He also served on several other boards including the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) and the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board. Michael practices law with Bruni Law.

Shu-Tai Cheng (Ottawa, ON) is a judo coach who is also an elected Board member of Judo Canada. She held the position of Ontario Judo Team coach from 2012 to 2014 and is a second degree black belt. A lawyer since 1993, Shu-Tai now acts as an adjudicator at the appeal level of a federal administrative tribunal and is fluently bilingual.

Andréanne Morin (Montréal, QC) is a three-time Olympian in rowing and 2012 Olympic silver medallist in women's eight. She is a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee's Athletes Commission and World Anti-Doping Agency's Athlete Commission. Called to bar last year and fluently bilingual, Andréanne is now a corporate lawyer with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP.

William L. Ryan (Halifax, NS) is a former Board member of Canada Basketball and former president of Basketball Nova Scotia. He has assisted Atlantic University Sports with dispute resolution processes and gained experience in various committees of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Canadian Bar Association. William's law practice is with Stewart McKelvey.

"I'm very pleased to acknowledge the nomination of David H. de Vlieger, an outstanding Canadian sport leader, as the new Chair of the Board of Directors of the SDRCC", said the Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport). "The SDRCC is a national and international leader in its innovative approach to the facilitation, mediation and arbitration of issues across the sport system. I look forward to David and the Board's thoughtful counsel and contribution to further evolving the important work of their organization."

"I am honored by the confidence expressed by the Minister through this nomination as Chairperson of the SDRCC", added David de Vlieger. "I am also delighted to welcome our new Board members as they bring an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization. I look forward to working with them to ensure the SDRCC continues to deliver world-class services. Of course, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to retiring Board members who have served the SDRCC with immense dedication for the past six years and have set high standards for us to follow in their footsteps."

About the SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by the Government of 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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