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To,

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Re: Your Letter dated 29 May 2017 bearing Ref. No. F No. 2/17/2017/NADA addressed to Shri Vinod Rai ("Letter")

Dear Sir,

1. This has reference to your captioned Letter whereby you have *inter alia*(i) stated that the National Anti-Doping Agency ("NADA") would like to conduct dope testing of Indian cricketers in all domestic competitions and also provide necessary support during the international events; and (ii) requested that the Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI") should direct the concerned officials to coordinate with NADA for dope testing during competitions and out-of competitions.
2. This response is being issued under the instructions of the Supreme Court appointed Committee of Administrators.
2. At the very outset, BCCI would like to assure you that it has a zero-tolerance approach to doping in the sport of cricket and is committed to encourage fair play in sports. BCCI follows the highest professional and ethical standards laid by down by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") to ensure that the cricketers compete in a doping-free environment in India.
3. BCCI is an autonomous sports organisation affiliated to the International Cricket Council ("ICC"), which governs the game of cricket globally. Accordingly, BCCI is required to operate within the rules and regulations set by the ICC. The ICC is a signatory to the WADA Code since 2006 and the ICC Anti-Doping Code ("ICC Code"), which is based on the WADA Code, is



required to be adopted and implemented by all its members. BCCI, being a full member of ICC, has adopted and implemented the ICC Code in the BCCI Anti-Doping Rules (“**BCCI Code**”) since 2011.

4. The BCCI Code imposes clear prohibitions and controls as a part of BCCI’s continuing effort to (i) maintain the integrity of sport of cricket in India; (ii) protect the rights and health of all participants in the sport of cricket in India; and (iii) keep Indian cricket free from doping. Accordingly, the BCCI Code is compliant with the WADACode (as implemented by the ICC and applicable to cricket worldwide).
5. You will appreciate that for analysis and testing of samples, BCCI adheres to the WADA International Standard for Laboratories and the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations. Accordingly, the BCCI has engaged the services of the same expert sample collection agency that is also engaged by the ICC to provide sample collection services viz. International Doping Tests & Management (“**IDTM**”). IDTM sends the collected samples for testing to a WADA accredited laboratory viz. National Dope Testing Laboratory (“**NDTL**”), as mandated by WADA. Since the Chief Executive Officer of NDTL is the Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the dope testing for BCCI is conducted under aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
6. Further, the BCCI has already implemented dope testing both during competitions and out-of-competitions. BCCI has adopted the ICC Anti Doping Code: Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of-Competition Testing, which forms an integral part of the ICC Code. It is relevant to mention here that pursuant to reservations and concerns (relating to privacy and security) raised by several cricketers in 2009 regarding giving information of their whereabouts (as required by the 2009 version of the WADA Code that had been adopted by the ICC), the matter was discussed during a meeting between representatives of the ICC, WADA and BCCI following which ICC amended the whereabouts clause with effect from 1 August 2010 to ensure out-of-competition testing in a manner that addressed the genuine reservations and concerns of cricketers worldwide. Subsequently, in 2013, ICC further amended the clause and adopted The ICC Anti Doping Code: Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of-Competition Testing which was implemented with effect from 1 August 2013.
7. In view of the aforesaid, it is clear that (i) BCCI already has a robust dope testing mechanism which is employed for both during competitions and out-of-



competitions; and (ii) the testing of samples collected by IDTM is already being done at a WADA accredited laboratory (NDTL) under aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

8. It is also relevant to mention here that BCCI is not a National Sports Federation. Accordingly, NADA does not have jurisdiction to conduct dope testing of Indian cricketers in any domestic competition or international event organized by or under the aegis of BCCI.
9. In light of the aforesaid, there is no requirement for any BCCI official to coordinate with NADA for dope testing of Indian cricketers either during competitions or out-of-competitions.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Executive Officer,
The Board of Control for Cricket in India



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