



No. S083619  
Vancouver Registry

BETWEEN:

ANETTE SAGEN, DANIELA IRASCHKO, JENNA MOHR, LINDSEY VAN,  
JESSICA JEROME, ULRIKE GRASSLER, MONIKA PLANINC,  
MARIE-PIERRE MORIN, and KARLA KECK

PLAINTIFFS

AND:

VANCOUVER ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2010 OLYMPIC AND  
PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

DEFENDANT

#### STATEMENT OF DEFENCE

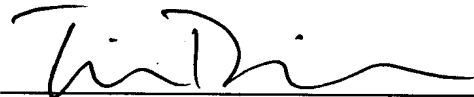
1. The Defendant ("VANOC") denies every allegation in the Statement of Claim which is not admitted expressly in this Statement of Defence.
2. The Plaintiffs have sued the wrong defendant. VANOC's role is to stage the 2010 Olympic Games. The International Olympic Committee ("IOC"), however, is the entity which has exclusive power to determine whether women's ski jumping will be an event in any Olympic Games. The IOC has determined that women's ski jumping will not be an event in the 2010 Olympic Games and VANOC has no power to alter that decision. VANOC would readily support women's ski jumping in the 2010 Games if the IOC authorized women's ski jumping to be part of the Games. VANOC has actively encouraged the use by women of the ski jumping facilities at the Whistler Olympic Park since the opening of such facilities, and will continue to do so, to assist in the further development of the sport.
3. The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* ("Charter") has no application to the IOC, which is not a Canadian entity.

4. The *Charter* has no application to VANOC, as it is not a government entity within the meaning of section 32 of the *Charter*.
5. The decision not to include women's ski jumping in the 2010 Olympic Games is not a law or government policy within the meaning of the *Charter*.
6. The decision not to include women's ski jumping in the 2010 Olympic Games does not contravene section 15 of the *Charter* but, in any event, would be saved under section 1 of the *Charter*.
7. In any event, there would be no basis for enjoining men from ski jumping at the 2010 Olympic Games on the ground that women were precluded from ski jumping at the Games.

Wherefore the Defendant submits that the action against it be dismissed with costs.

May 30, 2008

Dated



Solicitor for the Defendant

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