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**Icederby Statement –
Judgement of the General Court of the European Union
International Skating Union Eligibility Rules**

Icederby welcomes the Judgement of the General Court on 16 December 2020 (Case T-93/18) upholding the key provisions of the European Commission 8 December 2017 Decision requiring the ISU to amend its Eligibility Rules.

The Judgement of the General Court means the door remains wide open for speed skaters to guide their own careers without threat of, or actual loss of eligibility for participating in independent third- party international speed skating events such as Icederby.

Icederby is proud to announce that a Team from the ISU observed Icederby's Test Run held on 9 February 2020 in Thialf Ice Stadium, Heerenveen, The Netherlands. The Test Run was conducted to demonstrate that the health and safety of participants was ensured while competing head to head in mass start races on an Icederby 220m Track.

Time Trials and Mass Start races between a combination of very talented Short Track, Long Track, Marathon and In-Line Skaters on an Icederby 220m Track passed this pre-authorization health and safety Test Run with flying colors!

Icederby also notes with satisfaction that The General Court ruled that *“In the present case, it may be considered that it was legitimate for the applicant (ISU) to establish rules seeking to prevent sport betting from creating risks of manipulation of competitions and athletes”*

“the fact remains that, they go beyond what is necessary to achieve such an objective within the meaning of the case-law.”

*“Accordingly, the applicant's (ISU's) argument that the restrictions arising from the eligibility rules are justified by the objective of protecting the integrity of speed skating from the risks associated with betting **must be rejected.**”*

Icederby is looking forward to announcing the date and location of its premier international speed skating event, ICE1, contested on an Icederby 220m Track, as soon as it can safely be held considering the current Covid 19 pandemic.