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SaltStick's Response to Announcements Regarding Banned Substances in Professional Triathletes' Supplements

(February 6, 2017, Malibu, Calif.) – In light of recent announcements related to two professional triathletes who tested positive for banned substances, we want to reassure our customers and athletes that SaltStick products have been banned-substance-free since our start, more than 10 years ago.

Earlier in February, two professional triathletes announced they had tested positive for ostarine, a banned substance under the WADA code. One of the athletes confirmed the presence of ostarine in a nutritional supplement in their possession, and in further product testing of the same lot. The other athlete has not provided any valid scientific support for a possible contaminated supplement.

**We wish to emphatically confirm that the product containing ostarine was not SaltStick Caps nor any SaltStick-branded product.**

The risk of contamination by banned substances of nutritional supplements remains an ongoing concern, not just for professional athletes, but all athletes concerned about their health and wellbeing. However, measures can be put in place by concerned manufacturers, such as SaltStick, to minimize that risk to a negligible level.

Jonathan Toker, Ph.D., CEO of Toker Engineering, LLC, the makers of SaltStick Products, has this statement in response to the recent announcements:

**“We want to reassure our customers and athletes that SaltStick products have been banned-substance-free since the product launched in 2006, as evidenced by a spotless safety record and as used by thousands of athletes worldwide, many of whom are in various sporting body testing pools. SaltStick is an industry leader for independent banned substance testing, as the first solid electrolyte supplement in the market tested, since 2008. We have been strong advocates for drug-free sport, and have been involved with popularizing scientific concepts of concern to athletes.”**

SaltStick products are produced in USA cGMP facilities that are certified to produce banned-substance-free sports nutrition products. This means that means that NO banned substances are present on site in any capacity, at any time. Furthermore, as a further commitment to our athletes' safety, representative samples of SaltStick products have been voluntarily tested at our cost by certified lab LGC since 2008, with dozens of lots tested representing a significant majority of production. Raw ingredients are simple minerals and vitamin D, which are sourced from dedicated suppliers and provided with assayed purity. Our final products are shipped in sealed containers (two container closures for bottles, tamper-proof foil for packets). We have exceeded all industry recommendations for minimizing the risk of cross-contamination or inadvertent inclusion of banned substances in our products.

Our products are clean and safe, because we care about you.

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