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**Legal challenge to Swiss Cycling's endorsement of  
Pat McQuaid is confirmed.**

Legal proceedings in Switzerland to contest the Swiss Cycling Federation's nomination of Union Cycliste International (UCI) President Pat McQuaid for a further term of office in September have been confirmed by the formal constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal.

Swiss Cycling's member, Kurt Buergi and colleagues Mathias Galli and Patrick Calcagni are pursuing a challenge to the Federation's endorsement of Mr. McQuaid during its meeting on May 13th, 2013 on the basis that the endorsement was unconstitutional and made without proper authority.

The decision to endorse is tainted on both procedural and substantial grounds and constitutes a clear attempt by Mr. McQuaid to circumvent the fact that Cycling Ireland, his own national federation, has democratically decided not to present him again for re-election.

Additionally, the claimants suggest that the meeting, which resulted in, the Swiss Cycling announcement was irregular for various reasons, including conflict of interests.

The amount of arbitration fees required to enable the claimants to pursue their pursuit of justice are substantial and are beyond the financial capacity of the individuals concerned. SKINS have therefore agreed to provide financial support for their share of the arbitration fees along with the legal support that they have been providing. SKINS has established a global reputation for defending integrity in sport and the company has now lodged the required advance on costs on the claimants' behalf.

The claimants will now file their full statement of claim by Tuesday, August 6th, 2013 with the respondent filing a full statement of defence by Friday, 16th August, 2013. The main hearing, during which Mr. McQuaid will be called to testify, is scheduled to take place in Zurich on Thursday, 22nd August, 2013.

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