MINNESOTA Kicks

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MEDIA RELEASE

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY (JUNE 10) BY MINNESOTA KICKS CHAIRMAN RALPH SWEET REGARDING THE RESIGNATION OF FREDDIE GOODWIN AS CLUB PRESIDENT:

Due to the public and private speculation on the status of Freddie Goodwin, it was felt by both Freddie and I that in the best interests of the club and himself he would resign from his position as President of the Minnesota Kicks, effective today.

The exposure given to this matter during recent weeks has not only created an unhealthy situation for all concerned but it has also diverted the attention from the team which is the single most important factor in this organization.

Freddie and I discussed these problems earlier this week, and we both felt that the situation was irreparable. Thus, we came to an amicable financial agreement that will free Freddie from any further contractual obligations with the Minnesota Kicks. But in showing a touch of class, Freddie has agreed to act as a consultant which I sincerely appreciate. His knowledge of the club and the North American Soccer League will be an asset to everyone associated within this organization.

Contrary to recent media opinion, Freddie was not being "forced out" of the organization. What started this erroneous speculation was my decision to relieve Freddie as coach on May 14. Since I purchased this franchise in November, I have come to learn that the dual-role as president/coach in this country is simply too much for one man to handle.

The day-to-day administrative duties that were previously held by Freddie will be assumed by our marketing director Tommy Scallen, public relations director Dave Ferroni, and accountant Daryl Johnson. As stated in the past, Geoff Barnett is responsible for all team related matters which includes coaching, player transactions, and player contractual negotiations