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SnowsportGB is delighted to announce that an agreement has been reached with the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, which will provide SnowsportGB with funding over three years to allow the implementation of a new Development Plan for the British Children's Alpine Skiing. The donation of £100,000 per annum for three years will start from December 2007, and is ring-fenced by the agreement with the Trust to fund the Development Plan. The primary objectives of this Plan are:



1. Provide administration support to the current British Children's Ski Team volunteer group and then create a long-term sustainable professional set up for the British Children's Ski Team.
2. To create a clear and consistent pathway to podium for all young British Alpine Skiers.
3. Establish a UK-wide Talent Identification programme, which aims to attract talented young athletes into skiing, and to encourage young recreational skiers to compete in the sport.
4. Establish a long-term athlete development plan for all young competitive skiers in the UK.
5. Establish a dynamic database which registers and tracks all young competitive skiers in the UK.

The funding will allow SnowsportGB to create two new full-time roles within the organisation:

- National Children's Alpine Ski Manager/National Performance Manager
- National British Children's Alpine Skiing Coach

The Development Plan will be implemented by SnowsportGB, and will be overseen by a Steering Group, including representatives from The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, UK Sport, the British Olympic Association, and Sports Aid. A working group will be created by the National Children's Manager, which will include representatives of HNGB's, clubs and academies, to provide input into the implementation of the Development Plan.

SnowsportGB is very excited about this opportunity for Snowsports and Children's Alpine Skiing, and looks forward to working with the Roger de Haan Charitable Trust, and all the constituent members of SnowsportGB to deliver the objectives of the Plan to the benefit of all young skiers.