

**MEDIA STATEMENT****Boston Marathon 2013*****Statement from the Vancouver International Marathon Society following the explosions during the Boston Marathon***

**Vancouver, BC – April 15, 2013** – We are saddened by the shocking news from the Boston Marathon today. On behalf of the Vancouver Marathon, our sympathies go out to the runners, families, friends and others affected by this tragic event.

With the BMO Vancouver Marathon just weeks away, the Vancouver International Marathon Society has worked extensively with City stakeholders, including police, fire, medical and others, to develop a solid emergency plan. We want to reassure runners and our extended running community that safety and security are our top priorities.

**About The Vancouver International Marathon Society**

The BMO Vancouver Marathon and Half Marathon is organized and operated by the Vancouver International Marathon Society, a non-profit organization. The event is Canada's largest marathon and has a 41-year history within Vancouver and the running community internationally. The event will take place on May 5, 2013, featuring the two point-to-point courses, showcasing the city's famous landmarks, shorelines and neighborhoods. The 2013 events will remain capped at 5,000 marathon participants and 10,000 half-marathon participants.

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