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PRESS RELEASE

ENTRIES OPEN FOR 2009 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

Entries are now open for the eagerly anticipated 2009 Standard Chartered Great City Race, which this year takes place on Thursday 16th July at 19.15. The 5km team challenge will once again see thousands of runners from the legal, banking, insurance, accountancy and media sectors pounding the streets of London's square mile.

The race, now in its fifth year, invites companies to enter teams of four or more runners to take part. £5 from every entry fee will be donated directly to the race's 2009 community partner Seeing is Believing, a global initiative to help eradicate avoidable blindness.

Seeing is Believing is a collaborative partnership between Standard Chartered Bank and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness and Standard Chartered Bank pledges to match all money raised in conjunction with the race, pound for pound.

Now firmly established as the City's premier corporate running challenge, last year's race attracted a record maximum entry of 6,500 workers including teams from leading City firms KPMG and JP Morgan. With the capacity reached over a month before race day in 2008, City workers are advised to sign up as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Companies can go directly to the official race website at www.cityrace.co.uk to enter their teams.

Standard Chartered CEO, Europe, W. Richard Holmes said: *"The Standard Chartered Great City Race is a highly anticipated fixture in City worker's diaries and we are delighted that this year marks our fifth anniversary as title sponsor. Last year's race was over subscribed in record time and we expect that trend to continue in 2009. Our association with The Standard Chartered Great City Race fits perfectly with our global sponsorship portfolio of running events all over the world including marathons in Nairobi, Dubai, Singapore, Jersey, Hong Kong, Mumbai and the Falkland Islands."*

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Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both London and Hong Kong stock exchanges, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered Group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and profits have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank for its customers across its markets. The Bank derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, generated from its Wholesale and Consumer Banking businesses. The Group has over 1600 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The extraordinary growth of its markets and businesses creates exciting and challenging international career opportunities.

Leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders, the Group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. It employs more than 70,000 people, nearly half of whom are women. The Group's employees are of 125 nationalities, of which 68 are represented among senior management.

For more information, please visit: www.standardchartered.com.



Seeing is Believing

Seeing is Believing is delighted to be the beneficiary of the 2009 Standard Chartered Great City Race, receiving £5 from each £25 entry fee.

Seeing is Believing (SiB) is a global initiative to help tackle avoidable blindness, and is a collaborative partnership between Standard Chartered Bank and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). IAPB is the leading umbrella organisation for NGOs working in the field of eye care. Together with the World Health Organisation, it launched the 'Vision 2020 – The Right to Sight', a global campaign to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020.

To date, Seeing is Believing has raised over US\$ 17 million for blindness initiatives and plans to invest a further US\$ 20 million by 2014. Seeing is Believing is the single largest contributor to the development of Vision 2020 programmes through IAPB. Full details of SiB can be found at www.thegreatestrace.com

As part of the Seeing is Believing programme, Standard Chartered Bank pledges to match all donations until the target of US\$ 20 million is reached. This will double the impact of all funds raised.



Seeing is Believing would like to encourage as many runners as possible to raise additional funds for this worthy cause by raising your own race sponsorship and information on how to do so will be available very shortly.



The 2007 Standard Chartered Great City Race was the recipient of the Corporate Sponsorship Award at the 2008 Hollis Sponsorship Awards

