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OVER 5,000 CITY WORKERS DART THROUGH LONDON'S SQUARE MILE IN THE 2009 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

London's Square Mile was a sight to behold on Thursday evening as over 5,000 City workers eagerly lined up to compete in The 2009 Standard Chartered Great City Race, London's premier 5k team running challenge which passed through the closed-off streets of the City and iconic landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England.

Former 110m hurdle world record holder, Colin Jackson CBE, rallied the race crowd outside the Honourable Artillery Company, home of the Territorial Army, to set the stream of runners off at 7.15pm. Ideal running conditions meant fast times were hotly anticipated and so it was little surprise to see both the men's and women's individual races proving to be highly competitive with Phil Wicks from Legal & General maintaining a blistering pace to come home in 14 minutes 32 seconds to take the men's title, and Emily Adams from Punter Southall Group the fastest woman to cross the finish line in a time of 17 minutes 46 seconds.

This year's race beneficiary was Seeing is Believing (SiB), the global initiative set up between Standard Chartered Bank and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) to help tackle avoidable blindness across the globe. As Chairman of SiB and Chief Financial Officer for Standard Chartered Group, Richard Meddings ran blindfolded to raise money for SiB and was accompanied on the course by the initiative's goodwill ambassador, Henry Wanyoike and his guide Joseph Kibunja.

Colin Jackson, who has formed a hugely popular partnership with the race having also been ambassador in 2007 & 2008, commented: *'The Standard Chartered Great City Race has quickly become a feature in the UK road running calendar with so many businesses showing great team camaraderie as well as a competitive spirit which makes this event really enthralling. It's a great pleasure for me to be involved in such a fantastic spectacle.'*

David Bedford, Race Director of London Marathon and for the Standard Chartered Great City Race said: *'The fact that all race places were filled in record time this year is testimony to the ever-growing popularity of the Standard Chartered Great City Race. With so many City businesses*



participating in an event that takes in London's world renowned landmarks, it's quite simply a unique event with a unique atmosphere.'

Richard Holmes, Standard Chartered CEO for Europe, commented: *'The Standard Chartered Great City Race always creates a real buzz around the City and the HAC on race day and with our Global Headquarters based here in London, our staff are proud to be associated with an event of this calibre. This year's race surpassed all expectation with runners registering in record time, fantastic amounts of money raised for worthy causes coupled with a team ethic that brought everyone together.'*

A full list of team and individual results can be found at the race website www.cityrace.co.uk. All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

Top Three Men:

- 1) Phil Wicks, Legal & General: 14.32
- 2) Richard Burney, adidas UK: 15.14
- 3) James McMullen, KPMG: 15.18

Top Three Women:

- 1) Emily Adams, Punter Southall: 17.46
- 2) Rachel Elliott, BDO Stoy Hayward LLP: 18.07
- 3) Jenny Christina Lundgren, Standard Chartered Bank: 18.10

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Seeing is Believing (SiB)

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 collaboration between Standard Chartered and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) (registered charity, No. 1100559). IAPB is the leading umbrella organisation for NGOs working in the field of eye care. Together with the World Health Organisation, it launched '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.

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



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