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## **CITY WORKERS COMPLETE STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE AND HELP PROTECT THE SIGHTS OF 73,740 PEOPLE**

Rush hour across London's Square Mile was an altogether different sight this evening as the City's closed-off streets welcomed over 5,000 runners from over 350 companies for the annual Standard Chartered Great City Race.

The competitive race was once again a family affair. In the individual men's category, Phil Wicks from Legal & General scooped his sixth win in seven years in a blistering time of 14 minutes 45 seconds, with Huw Lobb from DMW Group second and James McMullan from KPMG third.

In the individual female category, Phil's wife Emily from Punter Southall took the honours, for the fifth consecutive time, in a time of 16 minutes 55 seconds. Katy Webster from Ofcom came second and Lara Bromilow from HSBC Bank came third.

Speaking after the race, Phil Wicks, said: *"The weather was perfect today. It was incredible out there and I'm so pleased that Emily won the women's race. It's fun to blast around and soak up the great atmosphere."*

The 5k race helped to raise significant funds and awareness for Seeing is Believing, a global initiative that tackles avoidable blindness and the official race beneficiary. With £10 from every entry going to this charitable initiative each person who registered to run provided enough funds to cover the cost of a trichiasis operation. In addition to this, the race registrations collectively raised over USD \$59,000 which could provide enough medication to help tackle trachoma in the Kasempa District of Zambia – protecting a population of 73,740 people.

A group of celebrities from the worlds of sport and entertainment showed their support for Seeing is Believing by taking on the challenge of running the race blindfolded. The team included England cricket legend Mike Gatting OBE, TV presenter Chris Hollins, Harlequins RFC player Nick Evans and 5-times Paralympic running gold medallist Noel Thatcher MBE.

Richard Holmes, CEO Europe at Standard Chartered Bank, ran along side celebrities and said: *"I would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make this event such a memorable and enjoyable occasion. The spirit among all the runners and support was fantastic."*

*"This year's race has raised more money for Seeing is Believing than any previous race thanks to the huge appetite across the City to take part in the event. The funds raised will make an enormous difference to the lives of thousands of people and will go a long way to helping us achieve our target of raising US\$100m for the initiative by 2020."*

### Top 5 Individual Men's Race

- 1 - Phil Wicks, Legal & General: 14 minutes 45 seconds
- 2 - Huw Lobb, DMW Group: 15 minutes 25 seconds
- 3 - James McMullan, KPMG: 15 minutes 38 seconds
- 4 - Simon Coombes, Islington Council: 15 minutes 55 seconds
- 5 - Andrew Lawrence, Barclays PLC: 16 minutes 4 seconds

### Top 5 Individual Women's Race

- 1 - Emily Wicks, Punter Southall: 16 minutes 55 seconds
- 2 - Katy Webster, Ofcom: 17 minutes 39 seconds
- 3 - Lara Bromilow, HSBC Bank PLC: 18 minutes 23 seconds



- 4 – Anna Critchlow, Career Legal Ltd: 18 minutes 27 seconds  
5 – Hannah Harazawa, Mizuho International PLC: 18 minutes 28 seconds

A full list of team and individual results can be found at the race website [www.cityrace.co.uk](http://www.cityrace.co.uk) on Friday 12 July.

All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

Official images of the race will be posted on the race Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/standardcharteredsponsoredgreatcityrace](http://www.facebook.com/standardcharteredsponsoredgreatcityrace)

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### Notes to editors

#### The Standard Chartered Great City Race

The Standard Chartered Great City Race is London's leading 5KM corporate running challenge which takes place through the closed off streets of the City of London. On Thursday 11 July, over 5,000 runners from nearly 400 company teams from across the City took part in the race.

For further information please visit [www.cityrace.co.uk](http://www.cityrace.co.uk)

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Standard Chartered's sponsorship of the Standard Chartered Great City Race complements the Bank's global portfolio of sponsorships which now includes nine marathons and another three races. For more information, visit [www.standardchartered.com/en/about-us/sponsorship/sc-races.html](http://www.standardchartered.com/en/about-us/sponsorship/sc-races.html)

#### Seeing is Believing

Seeing is Believing is a global initiative to tackle avoidable blindness, and is a collaboration between Standard Chartered and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and its



membership of eye health organisations. Together with the World Health Organisation, IAPB launched the 'Vision 2020 – The Right to Sight', a global campaign to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020. For more than a decade, Seeing is Believing has been supporting project to tackle avoidable blindness and visual impairment. To date, Seeing is Believing has raised over USD58 million, taking it more than halfway towards its target of USD100 million by 2020. Funds raised through Seeing is Believing represent the single largest cash contribution from the private sector 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 USD100 million is reached.

[www.seeingisbelieving.org](http://www.seeingisbelieving.org)

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