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THOUSANDS OF CITY WORKERS RACE THROUGH THE SQUARE MILE IN THE 10TH STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE 2014

The streets of the City of London were filled with over 5,000 runners from 385 different companies as energetic city workers took part in the 10th Standard Chartered Great City Race. Competitors in this year's race have raised over US\$200K for the official race beneficiary, Seeing is Believing and Standard Chartered Bank has committed to match all the funds raised, doubling the impact of the runners' contribution. The intention is to allocate all the funds to the East Africa Seeing is Believing Child Eye Health programme.

It was husband and wife duo, Phil and Emily Wicks, who once again dominated the men's and women's individual races, crossing the finish line first in their respective categories. This is the seventh time that Phil, from Legal & General, has won the race and this year he made it around the course in 14:29. Emily, from Punter Southall, is also not new to the podium as she has won five previous races, completing this year's course in 16:36.

Chris Busaileh from Speechly Bircham LLP, came in second behind Phil and James McMullan, from KPMG, was in third position. In the women's category, Katy Webster from Ofcom came second and Jenny Lundgren from Standard Chartered Bank was third.

Highlights from the team of race ambassadors, all of whom have competed in previous Standard Chartered Great City Races, included the current women's marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe guiding the BBC's Mike Bushell around the 5km course blindfolded, and the competitive race between the Liverpool FC legends – John Aldridge, David Johnson, Phil Neal and Alan Kennedy.

The hugely popular race attracts competitors from major businesses in the banking, legal, accountancy, insurance and media sectors. Standard Chartered's team of 400 runners included CEO Europe, Richard Holmes.

When asked about his thoughts on the event, Holmes commented: *“This year’s race is particularly special as it is 10 years since Standard Chartered joined forces with London Marathon to create this 5km corporate running challenge. It is amazing to look back and see how the race has grown and developed over the years.*

“Thank you everyone who has taken part in the race this year and helped us raise more than USD\$ 200K for Seeing is Believing. We intend to allocate the funds to the East Africa Seeing is Believing Child Eye Health programme.

“I would like to thank everyone who has been involved both this year, and in the previous years, for all their help in making this race into such a memorable and enjoyable event. The spirit among all the runners and supporters is always fantastic and this year was no exception.”

A full list of team and individual results can be found by visiting the standard Chartered Great City Race website www.cityrace.co.uk on Friday 11 July 2014.

All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

Official images of the race will be posted on the Standard Chartered Great City Race Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/standardcharteredgreatcityrace

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For more than a decade Seeing is Believing has been supporting projects to tackle avoidable blindness and visual impairment. To date, Seeing is Believing has raised over USD60 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 eye health 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.

For further information please visit <http://seeingsbelieving.org/>

The Standard Chartered Great City Race

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Standard Chartered Great City Race and the Bank has been the main sponsor since its launch in 2005. The race is the leading 5km corporate city based running challenge, and over 5,000 runners from 350 corporate teams participate (made up of four or more runners).

This year the Standard Chartered Great City Race will take place on Thursday 10 July, starting at 19:15 at the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC). During the race the streets in London's financial district are closed and the route takes runners past some of the most iconic buildings and landmarks within the City of London.

It is a not for profit race and Seeing is Believing is the official 2014 beneficiary.

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