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CITY WORKERS LIMBER UP FOR TOMORROW'S STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

With The 2010 Standard Chartered Great City Race now a little over 24 hours away, workers across the City are undergoing final preparations for the 5km event, which starts at 19.15 at The Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) tomorrow.

This year's race has attracted a maximum field of 6,500 runners in record time, is open to companies with teams of four or more runners and is designed to get London's workers out from behind their desks to get fit and active.

Denise Lewis OBE, the former Olympic heptathlon gold medallist, is the official race day ambassador and will be charged with getting the race underway alongside Richard Holmes, CEO Europe, Standard Chartered Bank.

Also giving his backing for the race is **Lord Mayor Nick Anstee**, who is a strong advocate for London's workers to achieve a healthy work life balance. He will be supporting staff from London's top banks, insurance companies, legal firms and accountants for the 5km race.

Lord Mayor of London Nick Anstee, said: *"There is always a great buzz and excitement around the Standard Chartered Great City Race. Each year, the race gets bigger and better and it's great to see the thousands of City workers running through the closed-off streets in celebration of our City."*

The race not only brings hundreds of companies together for one event but it also raises valuable funds for both Seeing is Believing and London based projects - funds that will make a real difference to the lives of many, well after the race has ended."

Nearly 400 companies have signed up for this year's race including financial giants, HSBC, Investec and JP Morgan. Leading the charge of the 412 participating Standard Chartered employees will be Richard Holmes, Europe CEO, who will be running as an eye surgeon to help raise awareness of the race's official community partner, Seeing is Believing. Funds raised through race registration and runner sponsorship will provide medical staff and training to help eradicate blindness at the Seeing is Believing project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



Standard Chartered has an ongoing and real commitment to London and The Standard Chartered Great City Race is an important platform to promote and share the Bank's commitment to the local community. The race demonstrates the Bank's strong track record of developing teamwork through sports as a way to drive success and reinforces the its brand promise to be 'Here for good'.

While £5 from every entry will be donated to the race's community partner is Seeing is Believing, which helps tackle avoidable blindness, the race also generates funds for various City of London charities that facilitate some of the capital's sporting facilities while promoting teamwork and a real sense of community within the City's Square Mile.

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For further information on the race and interview opportunities with Denise Lewis OBE please contact:

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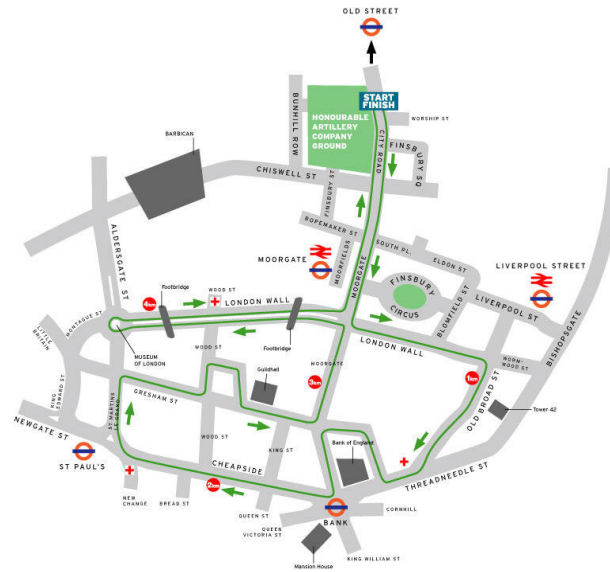
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Race Route Map:



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Seeing is Believing

Seeing is Believing (SiB) is a major global public-private initiative to help tackle avoidable blindness and is collaboration between Standard Chartered and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) (registered charity, No. 1100559) along with its membership body of leading eye-care NGOs.

Started by Standard Chartered staff in 2003 as a way of celebrating the Bank's 150th anniversary, Seeing is Believing has raised over US\$17 million and impacted over 8 million people to date, including over 2.5 million who have benefited from sight restorations. The programme's latest commitment will invest a further US\$20 million by 2014 to provide comprehensive and sustainable eye care services to 20 million people in impoverished urban areas.

For more information, visit www.seeingisbelieving.org.uk