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**RACE DATE CONFIRMED FOR
THE 2012 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE**

The date for London's premier 5k corporate sporting challenge, The Standard Chartered Great City Race, has been set for Thursday 12th July 2012. It is the only corporate sporting event to be held exclusively on the closed off streets in the City of London.

This is the eighth year the Bank has sponsored this not-for-profit event. In the last three years all 6,500 places have sold out in record time. Due to its popularity, initially places will be offered to teams who have previously competed. Runners wishing to participate for the first time can register their interest and find out more about the race by visiting www.cityrace.co.uk.

The race is an important vehicle to help raise awareness and funds for Seeing is Believing (SiB), a global initiative set up by Standard Chartered Bank to help tackle avoidable blindness. This year SiB will once again be the official beneficiary of the Race with £5 from every £25 entry fee donated to an eye-care project in Zambia.

All the race's latest news and training tips can be found by joining the designated Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/StandardCharteredGreatCityRace>

Richard Holmes, Standard Chartered Bank CEO Europe, said: *"Since 2005, the Great City Race has established itself as one of the major highlights of the summer in the City and each year we are overwhelmed by the huge level of interest and support we get for the race. "For Standard Chartered it's a wonderful opportunity to bring together over 400 companies and promote the benefits of teamwork, while also helping to raise money for great charitable causes."*

David Bedford, Joint Race Director at The London Marathon Ltd which organises the event, said: *"We are delighted Standard Chartered is continuing as title sponsor. The Bank has been a very loyal supporter of the race and we're very much looking forward to working with them to develop the race experience to ensure we continue to be the best running event in the City."*

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About Seeing is Believing (SiB)

Seeing is Believing (SiB) is a major global public-private initiative to help tackle avoidable blindness. It is collaboration between Standard Chartered, the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) (registered charity, No. 1100559) and leading international 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\$32 million and impacted over 23 million people to date, including over 2.78 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