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### SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL POLO TOURNAMENT Singapore Polo Club September 14-18, 2011

**Singapore** – Team New Zealand defeated Team Singapore 8-6 in the Singapore International Polo Tournament 2011 (10-12 goals) at the Singapore Polo Club on Sunday 18 September 2011.

International polo player, James Watson scored a total of seven goals for Team New Zealand; while local professional, Sattar Khan, Alex de Lisle and Satinder Garcha contributed two goals respectively for Team Singapore.

James Watson was presented the Most Valuable Player Award; with the Best Playing Polo Pony Award presented to *Macarena*, owned by Singapore Polo Club member, Isabelle Larenaudie.

The Gold Challenge match was well attended by over 800 guests, including His Excellency, Mr. Peter Hamilton, New Zealand High Commissioner, who performed the traditional throw-in ceremony with the President of the Singapore Polo Club, Mr. Leon Chu. This prestigious tournament is a highlight on the social and sporting calendar in Singapore, with local ambassadors, dignitaries, prominent businessmen and women, socialites, invited guests and members in the audience.

The five-day event also included the Silver League (6-8 goals) Tournament which featured four teams: Tata Communications, Veuve Clicquot, Cigna International and Vertu, competing in a round-robin format for the title. Team Veuve Clicquot was victorious in the 2011 edition of this event, followed by Cigna International (runner-up), Vertu (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) and TATA Communications (4<sup>th</sup> Place) respectively.

Torrey J. Dorsey, General Manager of the Singapore Polo Club stated, "The 2011 Singapore International Polo Tournament was notable for the support of a number of new sponsors and commercial partners, maximum participation by our local amateur players and highlighted by the action and excitement of the Gold Challenge Match. Team Singapore was unable to use the home field advantage against the visiting Team New Zealand, with James Watson well-deserving of the title and Most Valuable Player award. The tournament was the start of an exciting season of polo in Singapore; with the Club to host another three major events during the months of October and November, including our annual women's international polo tournament."

The Club would like to acknowledge the support of Tata Communications Pte Ltd, Vertu (Official Luxury Mobile), Cigna International (Official International Healthcare Provider), St. Regis Singapore (Official Hotel), Veuve Clicquot (Official Champagne), Stella Artois & Appletiser (Official Beer & Sparkling Juice), La Martina (Official Supplier) and Beschle (Official Chocolate Couturier).

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### **About the Singapore Polo Club**

The Singapore Polo Club, established in 1886, strives to promote the sport of polo and equestrian activities in Singapore and beyond. Its history dates back to the colonial period and the Club has always had an illustrious membership. Several members of the British Royal family have at various times played polo at the Club, which is set in lush, tropical grounds on Mount Pleasant Road. Over the years, the Singapore Polo Club has hosted many prestigious polo tournaments, many of which are attended by royalty, dignitaries, socialites and prominent business men and women. The Club hopes to grow the sport of polo and encourage more local Singaporeans to play "The Sport of Kings." This is significant as polo was recognised as a medal sport at the 2007 SEA Games, in Bangkok, Thailand, with Singapore winning a silver medal at this event.

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