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SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO 2009 CALENDAR

- **Warsaw Open upgraded to Premier event, replacing German Open in Berlin**
- **Marbella and Bad Gastein International events added to 2009 Tour Calendar**

ST PETERSBURG, FL, USA – The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour announced today the upgrade of the Warsaw Open to Premier event status and the addition of new International level tournaments in Bad Gastein, Austria and Marbella, Spain to the 2009 Tour Calendar.

The Warsaw Open, which will feature \$600,000 in prize money, will move into the week of May 18 prior to Roland Garros, previously occupied by the German Open in Berlin. The Gastein Ladies in Bad Gastein will take place the week of July 20 (formerly occupied by the Warsaw Open) and the Andalucia Tennis Experience in Marbella will take place the week of April 6. (See attached 2009 Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Calendar)

“The upgrading of Warsaw to a Premier level tournament and the addition of two new European International events is exciting news for fans of women’s tennis, in particular in Europe,” said Larry Scott, CEO of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour. “Today’s announcement represents a strengthening of the Tour calendar in Europe, and is a positive indicator of the investment that women’s tennis continues to attract.”

The 2009 Tour calendar features 55 tournaments (inclusive of the four Grand Slams, which are not operated by the Tour) across 31 countries and record prize money of over \$86 million. The international breadth of tournaments includes 26 events in Europe, 15 events in the Americas and 14 events in the Asia-Pacific region. Seventeen combined events include Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Beijing, Sydney, Moscow, Eastbourne, New Haven, Brisbane, s’Hertogenbosch, Estoril, Memphis and Acapulco, along with the four Grand Slams. Seven back-to-back men/women events include Dubai, Tokyo, Rome, Cincinnati, Canada, Auckland and Bastad. 2009 will also see new tournaments in Madrid, Brisbane, Monterrey, Ponte Vedra Beach, Bastad, Warsaw, Osaka, Bad Gastein and Marbella.

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The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour is the world’s leading professional sport for women with more than 2,200 players representing 96 nations competing for more than \$86 million in prize money at the Tour’s 51 events and four Grand Slams in 31 countries. More than 4.8 million people attended women’s tennis events in 2008 with millions more watching events on television networks around the world. The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour season concludes with the Sony Ericsson Championships – Doha 2009 in Doha, Qatar, from October 27-November 1, and the inaugural Commonwealth Bank Tournament of Champions in Bali, Indonesia from November 4-8. Further information on the Tour can be found on the Internet at www.sonyericssonwtatour.com