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TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2010 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ROAD CYCLING RACE

World's Best Riders in San Jose for Stage 4 Start on May 19

SAN JOSE, Calif. (April 6, 2010) – One of the strongest and most talented fields ever assembled for a U.S. cycling race has been invited to the upcoming **2010 Amgen Tour of California**, AEG, owner and operator of the eight-day event, which is considered to be the most popular and important professional race held on U.S. soil, announced today. With the race's move on the calendar to May, a compelling set of teams has been invited to the fifth-annual race.

The 16-team field will be comprised of a collection of the world's best international professional cycling teams, along with a selection of top North American-based teams. The teams will be led by prominent UCI ProTour and Pro Continental teams, such as the three-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer and seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong's team RadioShack; 2009's No. 1-ranked Team HTC-Columbia, featuring sprint sensation Mark Cavendish; powerhouse Team Saxo Bank, featuring Tour of Flanders winner Fabian Cancellara and Tour de France runner-up Andy Schleck; Liquigas-Doimo, an exceptionally promising young Italian team; Colorado-based Garmin-Transitions; and BMC Racing Team, featuring current U.S. Pro champion George Hincapie. The more than 800-mile, eight-day stage race, modeled after the Tour de France, will take the world's top professional cycling teams from Nevada City to Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village/Agoura Hills from May 16-23. The race will begin its Stage 4 Start festivities at 9 a.m., Wed.,

May 19 at Park & Almaden in Downtown San Jose. After a start at 11 a.m. the race continue through the Downtown Core east to begin the Sierra Road climb—one of the most challenging sections of the event—before finishing the day in Modesto.

The **2010 Amgen Tour of California** roster includes the following 16 professional cycling teams:

- Bissell (USA)
- BMC Racing Team (USA)
- Cervélo TestTeam (SUI)
- Fly V Australia (AUS)
- Garmin-Transitions (USA)
- Jelly Belly Presented by Kenda (USA)
- Kelly Benefit Strategies (USA)
- Liquigas-Doimo (ITA)
- Quick Step (BEL)
- Rabobank (NED)
- Spidertech Powered by Planet Energy (CAN)
- Team HTC-Columbia (USA)
- Team RadioShack (USA)
- Team Saxo Bank (DEN)
- Team Type 1 (USA)
- UnitedHealthcare Presented by Maxxis (USA)

“These teams, with the riders we expect to compete, represent the one of the strongest fields we have had at the **Amgen Tour of California**. Our move to May means that we will have Tour de France contenders in prime form racing here in the Golden State,” said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports, presenter of the race. “We also are pleased to have a selection of top North American-based Continental teams, who will have a chance to compete with some of the world’s best riders.”

Split between teams who compete on the UCI ProTour and those who race predominately in the United States, the field of 128 athletes will be one of the most diverse, accomplished groups of cyclists ever assembled for a stage race in the United States.

“In a few short years the **Amgen Tour of California** has become America’s Grand Tour, one of our country’s premier sporting events, and a showcase for the demanding and dramatic California landscape,” said Bob Stapleton, owner of Team HTC-Columbia. “Team HTC-Columbia

will contend for both the General Classification and stage wins with top riders Michael Rogers, Mark Cavendish and an exceptional supporting cast of athletes.”

Along with ProTour and Pro Continental teams, the domestic teams will be represented by return competitors Bissell, BMC Racing Team, Cervélo TestTeam, Fly V Australia, Jelly Belly Presented by Kenda, Kelly Benefit Strategies, Team Type 1, UnitedHealthcare Presented by Maxxis, and new competitor, Canada’s Spidertech Powered by Planet Energy.

“The entire Fly V Australia team is looking forward to going head-to-head with the best teams and riders in the world in the **2010 Amgen Tour of California**,” said Chris White, team director of Fly V Australia. “This is the biggest race of the year for our team and a great test for our riders.”

For more information about the teams competing in the **2010 Amgen Tour of California**, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

About the Amgen Tour of California

The largest cycling event in America, the **2010 Amgen Tour of California** is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG, that challenges the world’s top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 16-23.

About Amgen

Amgen discovers, develops, manufactures and delivers innovative human therapeutics. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen was one of the first companies to realize the new science’s promise by bringing safe and effective medicines from lab, to manufacturing plant, to patient. Amgen therapeutics have changed the practice of medicine, helping millions of people around the world in the fight against cancer, kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and other serious illnesses. With a broad and deep pipeline of potential new medicines, Amgen remains committed to advancing science to dramatically improve people’s lives. To learn more about Amgen’s pioneering science and vital medicines, visit www.amgen.com. To learn more about Amgen’s Breakaway from Cancer initiative, visit www.breakawayfromcancer.com.

About Breakaway from Cancer[®]

Founded in 2005, *Breakaway from Cancer*[™] is a complementary component to the Amgen race sponsorship. *Breakaway from Cancer* strives to raise awareness of the important resources available to cancer patients from prevention to education, and patient care to advocacy and financial support. The initiative includes charitable partners the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Patient Advocate Foundation, Prevent Cancer Foundation and The Wellness Community, and it also has joined forces with the Lance Armstrong Foundation and Stand Up To Cancer. Learn more at www.breakawayfromcancer.com.

About AEG

AEG is one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters in the world. AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Anschutz Company, owns or controls a collection of companies including facilities such as STAPLES Center, The Home Depot Center, Sprint Center, The O2, NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE and NOKIA Theatre Times Square; sports franchises including the Los Angeles Kings (NHL), two Major League Soccer franchises, two hockey franchises operated in Europe, management of privately held shares of the Los Angeles Lakers, the ING Bay to Breakers foot race and the **Amgen Tour of California** cycling road race;

AEG LIVE, the organization's live-entertainment division, is a collection of companies dedicated to all aspects of live contemporary music performance, touring and a variety of programming and multi-media production. For more information, visit AEG today at www.aegworldwide.com.

About the City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development

The San Jose Cycling Classic is being produced by the City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED), part of the San Jose Office of the City Manager, is committed to a vital, competitive San Jose economy that increases prosperity for people and companies and enhances City revenues. The Office—which includes the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs—guides the City's economic strategy, provides assistance for business success, helps connect employers with trained workers, and provides art and cultural resources to our community. For more information, please visit, www.sjeconomy.com.

About San Jose's Green Vision

On October 7, 2007, Mayor Chuck Reed introduced San Jose's Green Vision, which sets 10 ambitious goals for environmental protection and economic development. This 15-year plan envisions: creating 25,000 Clean Tech jobs; building or retrofitting 50 million square feet of green buildings; installing 100,000 solar roofs (1/10 of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1 million solar roofs for California initiative); reducing per capita electricity use by half; becoming a zero waste city; recycling and reusing 100 percent of the city's water; and moving to 100 percent renewable energy. A key part of the San Jose Green vision is the creation of a Green Mobility system—an integrated and sustainable way to get from place to place. Cycling plays a significant part in making this happen. The City, recognized by the League of American Bicyclists with National Bicycle Friendly Community Award, has more than 38,000 bike commuters traveling on more than 150-miles of on-street bikeways. The City offers ongoing bike commuting classes to ensure all have access to key safety training and help transition commuters from cars to bikes. San Jose is in the midst of expanding its bikeways, including a network of trail systems, allowing residents to travel more easily by bicycle, as well as encourage exploration and education about our natural habitat so residents better understand the benefits of a healthy environment and value its preservation. For more information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/greenvision/.

About the City of San Jose

From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the Capital of Silicon Valley—the world's leading center of innovation. The city, the 10th largest in the U.S., is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, to work and to live. For more information, visit, www.sanjoseca.gov.

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