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FINAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ROAD CYCLING RACE WHICH BEGINS FEBRUARY 14TH

Lance Armstrong, Levi Leipheimer Fabien Cancellara and Oscar Freire will Lead Race's Best-Ever Field of Seventeen of the World's Best Teams to Compete in February 14-22 Stage Race

World's Best Riders in San Jose for Stage 3 Start on February 17

SAN JOSE, January 22, 2009 – Joining the previously announced eight ProTour teams, nine additional Pro Continental and Continental teams have been confirmed for the **2009 Amgen Tour of California** by AEG, presenter of the professional cycling race. The nine-day stage race—with a Stage Start, 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 17, at Park & Almaden in Downtown San Jose— will feature 17 of the world's top professional teams, including world-renowned riders Lance Armstrong, two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer, three-time World Champion Oscar Freire and 2008 Olympic gold medal winner and world champion Fabian Cancellara, racing more than 750-miles from the state's capitol, Sacramento, to San Diego County.

“San Jose is thrilled to once again welcome many of the top names in the cycling world to Silicon Valley for this exciting competition,” said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. “The elite teams participating in this year's event exemplify the growing international recognition and prestige that comes with competing in the Amgen Tour of California.”

The complete **2009 Amgen Tour of California** roster will feature the following 17 professional cycling teams:

- **Ag2r-La Mondiale (FRA)**
- **Astana (KAZ)**
- **Bissell Pro Cycling Team (USA)***
- **BMC Racing Team (USA)***
- **Cervelo Test Team (SUI)***

- **Colavita/Sutter Home Presented by Cooking Light (USA)***
- **Fly V Australia presented by Successful Living Foundation Team (AUS)***
- **Garmin-Chipotle (USA)**
- **Jelly Belly Cycling Team (USA)***
- **Liquigas (ITA)**
- **Ouch Presented by Maxxis (USA)***
- **Quick Step (BEL)**
- **Rabobank (Netherlands)**
- **Rock Racing (USA)***
- **Saxo Bank (DEN)**
- **Team Columbia (USA)**
- **Team Type 1 (USA)***

**Newly announced*

"These 17 teams represent the strongest field we have had at the **Amgen Tour of California**. We are delighted to have some of the world's best and most established teams and we welcome the new teams who will be racing with us for the first time," said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports. "The level of competition and talent for the fourth-annual **Amgen Tour of California** rivals the top races in the world and demonstrates the importance of the United States to professional cycling."

Along with the Pro Tour teams, the growing class of top domestic teams will be represented by return competitors **Bissell Pro Cycling Team, BMC Racing Team, Colavita/Sutter Home Presented by Cooking Light, Jelly Belly Cycling Team, OUCH Pro Cycling Team Presented by Maxxis** (formerly Team Health Net) and **Rock Racing**, and new competitors **Cervelo Test Team, Fly V Australia presented by Successful Living Foundation Team** and **Team Type 1**.

"The BMC Racing Team for the **2009 Amgen Tour of California** will possibly be the strongest roster that we've fielded in any race since the inception of the program," said Gavin Chilcott, manager of the **BMC Racing Team**, which is based in Northern California. "New talent has joined the team, and our two-week training camp in Northern California will be ideal preparation for the race. We've investigated some of the courses, and overall I am very pleased with the prospects for our group this year."

Several of the 17 professional cycling teams will hold their pre-season training camps in California, which will give residents across the state an opportunity to watch

these elite athletes prepare for one of the top professional cycling races in the United States.

For more information about the teams competing in the **2009 Amgen Tour of California**, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

About the Amgen Tour of California

The largest cycling event in America, the *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. Building on last year's third-annual stage race, which attracted 1.6 million spectators, the *2009 Amgen Tour of California* will be expanded to cover more than 750 miles over nine days from February 14-22, 2009.

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.

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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 third largest city California, behind Los Angeles and San Diego, 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 work, live, learn and play, and, with more than 150 miles of bike lanes and paths, aggressively supports cycling as a viable alternative form of green transportation. San Jose's commitment to cycling earned the city a National Bicycle Friendly Community Award from the League of American Bicyclists. As an epicenter of cycling in the San Francisco Bay area, San Jose is part of one of the world's largest great cycling communities in North America

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