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Silverstone and the BRDC announce 17 year Formula 1 British Grand Prix deal

Silverstone and the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC) are pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached to secure the long term future of the FIA FORMULA 1 BRITISH GRAND PRIX. The 17 year deal will see the UK's most prestigious motor sport event remain at the Home of British Motor Racing in Northamptonshire.

Speaking on Monday (07 December) FOM President Bernie Ecclestone, said: "I am pleased that we have reached an agreement with Silverstone for the retention of the British Grand Prix. This will ensure that Great Britain will remain on the Formula One calendar for many years to come, which is something I have personally always wanted to see happen. The team at Silverstone already knows how to organise a good event, so now everyone can look forward to next summer at Silverstone."

Damon Hill, President of the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC), owners of Silverstone Circuit, said: "We are delighted that the long term future of the British Grand Prix has been secured and that Formula 1 will be remaining at Silverstone, its natural home in Great Britain, for at least the next 17 years. This long term contract will enable us to continue with our plans to develop Silverstone into a world class facility, bringing the venue into line with the very best sports facilities in the world for the benefit of all race goers, teams, drivers and fans.

"On a personal note, I would like to thank the team at Silverstone, our board of the BRDC, the membership of the BRDC and those in the industry who have been unwavering in their support.

"We have now secured the blue riband events in both two and four wheeled World Championships, and are looking forward to an exciting future."

Tickets for the 2010 FORMULA 1 SANTANDER BRITISH GRAND PRIX are now on sale exclusively via Silverstone. Tickets can be booked 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.silverstone.co.uk, or by calling 0844 3728 300*.

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* The location of several grandstands will have changed for the 2010 FORMULA 1 SANTANDER BRITISH GRAND PRIX. Customers are advised to clarify grandstand positions, prior to purchasing their tickets.

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Notes to Editors

Images available on request.

Silverstone Holdings Limited is the commercial arm of the BRDC Group of Companies.

Silverstone Circuits Limited is the operator and promoter of Silverstone Circuit and a member of the BRDC Group of Companies.

Silverstone is recognised as the Home of British Motor Racing.

Silverstone is the host of the 2010 FORMULA 1 SANTANDER BRITISH GRAND PRIX. The circuit hosted its first Formula One Grand Prix in 1948, and was the venue for the first ever round of the Formula One World Championship in 1950. Silverstone has been the only circuit to stage the FORMULA 1 BRITISH GRAND PRIX since 1986.

Silverstone Circuits Limited has signed a five year agreement with Dorna Sports (the promoter and rights holder for MotoGP) to host the British Motorcycle Grand Prix (MotoGP) from 2010. The circuit last hosted Motorcycle Grand Prix racing between 1977 and 1986.

Silverstone stages some of the largest international and domestic motorsport series in the world, including rounds of the British Touring Car Championship, FIA GT Championship, Le Mans Series and British Superbike Championship.

Silverstone offers a variety of event and corporate facilities, including driving experiences, track days, hospitality opportunities and the Silverstone Motorsport Academy – the UK's leading race tuition and driver coaching centre.

Silverstone is one of the world's most recognisable racing venues.