



NETBALL ASSOCIATION GAINS NEW SPONSOR

Jersey, 28 August 2003: The Jersey Netball Association (“JNA”) announced today that it has secured the sponsorship of Deutsche Bank Offshore for the next three years in an agreement worth £18,000 over the three year period.

The Deutsche Bank Offshore Winter League will commence on Monday 1st September, with last year’s league champions, St Clement’s A, hoping to make a positive start towards retaining their title when they play St Lawrence A at FB Fields.

Mark Wildman, Head of Banking at Deutsche Bank Offshore, will open the new season in the usual tradition, blowing the first whistle in recognition of the Bank’s sponsorship. *“We are very pleased to support the JNA and the Winter League”,* said Mr Wildman. *“As a sport which attracts people from all spectra of Island life, many of our staff and clients share an interest in this sport. The dedication, teamwork and focus shown by the players, umpires and coaches within the JNA is reflected by the high standard of play within the league. This commitment is shared by all of us at Deutsche Bank Offshore.”*

In addition, the sponsorship will subsidise the operation of youth development squads to include training for umpires and coaches and will provide necessary funding for juniors with exceptional talent or recognised potential to progress via the Deutsche Bank Offshore Development Programme.

Ann Halliwell, President of the Jersey Netball Association said, *“The JNA has a very strong junior development strategy and we are very appreciative of this sponsorship, along with the*

continued commitment of the Education, Sport and Culture Committee. Like any sport, continuation can only be possible through encouraging junior development and Deutsche Bank's support ensures the longevity of this vibrant and exciting island game through the advancement of our younger players."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The first match of the new season will be played at FB Fields on Monday 01 September 2003 at 7:30pm
2. The JNA has been established within the Island since 1944. During 2002/2003 (season running from September to April) the association had approximately 400 registered players, 290 Seniors and 110 Under 16's, associated with 31 teams spread across four divisional leagues.
3. Netball is the largest ladies associated sport within the Island and is the primary sport for girls within the local educational system.
4. Deutsche Bank Offshore is committed to supporting local community events, not only in a sporting context but also with regards to environmental and educational issues.
5. Other local activities supported by Deutsche Bank Offshore include the Channel Island Hockey Championships, a Men's Fours Rowing team, the Gerard Le Claire Environmental Trust's Green Day, the Jersey Eisteddfod and the Jersey Instrumental Service.
6. Deutsche Bank Offshore was established in the Channel Islands in 1972. Deutsche Bank Offshore provides a worldwide offshore banking and financial services capability to financial institutions, corporations and wealthy private individuals on behalf of the Deutsche Bank Group.