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Rally winners Škoda confirmed as Official Vehicle Supplier to RACMSA Rally of Scotland for second year running

After a highly successful RACMSA Rally of Scotland campaign last year, during which it won the event and supplied all the support vehicles, Škoda is delighted to announce that it will continue to be Official Vehicle Supplier to the event (October 15-17) – and attempt to defend its title on this, the penultimate round of the 2010 Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC).

In their first rally for Škoda UK, Guy Wilks (Darlington, Co. Durham) and co-driver Phil Pugh (Tywyn, Gwynedd) won last year's Rally of Scotland in their Škoda UK Motorsport Fabia S2000. The pair will return to the spectacularly fast and undulating Scottish special stages, held on closed Forestry Commission Scotland gravel roads in Stirling and Perth and Kinross, in the car in which they are challenging for the 2010 IRC title.

In addition, a fleet of four-wheel drive Škoda Yetis (small SUV) and Octavia Scouts (4x4 estate) will transport VIPs and rally officials from stage to stage, while Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is supplying vans to carry all the essential rally equipment around the route – such as the timing systems and control points.

A Yeti, supplied by local Škoda retailer Newmarket Garage (Falkirk Road, Bannockburn, Stirling) was on display outside Touch Estate during today's Rally of Scotland official launch – and Škoda and Volkswagen vehicles will continue to be used in the build up to the event.

Robert Hazelwood, Director of Škoda UK, said: "Our involvement with the RACMSA Rally of Scotland last year proved an extremely successful one, so we are delighted to support the event organisers by continuing as the Official Vehicle Supplier in 2010. This association will give rally fans an opportunity to see our four-wheel drive road vehicles, as well as our rally car, operate in the rugged environment they were designed for."

Andrew Coe, Chief Executive of event organiser International Motor Sports, said: "On behalf of the RACMSA Rally of Scotland, I am delighted to once again welcome Škoda UK to the Rally of Scotland family as Official Vehicle Supplier. Last year, Škoda UK provided us with the opportunity to use the newly launched Škoda Yeti, which proved to be perfectly suited to our requirements. It is reassuring that Škoda has recognised the value of its relationship with Rally of Scotland and is working with us again in 2010, bringing Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles along as well.

"Ours is a special event for Škoda UK as it was here that it enjoyed its very first victory on the Intercontinental Rally Challenge. We look forward to seeing the Škoda UK Fabia S2000 of Guy Wilks take on the challenge of the 2010 route in an attempt to defend his Scottish crown."

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Editors' Notes

Škoda is the manufacturer of happy drivers:

- Škoda UK increased its market share in 2009 to 1.9% with 37,253 sales, higher than 2008.
- Škoda Auto sold a record of over 684,000 cars in 2009, an increase of 1% over 2008.
- Škoda Yeti has been named Best Family Car in the 2009 *Top Gear* Awards.
- The new Škoda Superb Estate is *Top Gear's* Best Luxury Car 2009.
- Škoda is the Best Manufacturer in the 2010 *Auto Express* Driver Power survey.
- Škoda has been in the top five in the JD Power Survey of Customer Satisfaction for the past 14 years.
- Škoda has been named *Which?* Best car manufacturer of the year 2010.

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