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HARRIS ENGLISH RECEIVES SPONSOR EXEMPTION TO 2012 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN

PHOENIX, Ariz. – 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman Alex Clark announced today that Harris English will receive the second of five sponsor exemptions for the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, scheduled to be played January 30 – February 5 at the TPC Scottsdale.

“We’re excited to have Harris play in the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open,” Clark said. “I believe Harris is going to be a superstar on the PGA TOUR. He bombs it, putts it well, chips it well and has all the tools necessary to be successful.”

The 22-year-old from the University of Georgia is making his PGA TOUR debut at this week’s Sony Open in Hawaii. In December, English finished T13 at the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament at PGA West, and earned his 2012 PGA TOUR rookie card. Prior to the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament, he made just seven starts on the Nationwide Tour, where he claimed a first-, second- and third-place finish. English’s win came at the 2011 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Invitational at Ohio State University’s Scarlet Course by a shot over fellow amateur and collegian John Peterson of LSU and Kyle Reifers.

While at the University of Georgia, English was a four-time All-American, won four collegiate events and earned All-SEC honors all four years at the school. In 2007, he was third-youngest winner, at age 18, of the Georgia State Amateur (Bobby Jones in 1916 and Charles Yates in 1931). In 2011, English won the Southern Amateur and was a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team.

Clark and The Thunderbirds have a total of five exemptions to handout to the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The first exemption was given to three-time Phoenix Open Champion Mark Calcavecchia in late December. The remaining three exemptions will be announced in the coming weeks leading up to the tournament.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played January 30 – February 5, 2012, at the TPC Scottsdale. The tournament host Thunderbirds have raised more than \$75 million for charities, with more than \$45 million generated since 2004. The 2012 edition will mark the 77th playing of the event, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR (not including the major championships). Title sponsor Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. For more information on Waste Management visit wm.com or thinkgreen.com. For more information on the Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit wmphoenixopen.com.

