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MATT JONES RECEIVES FINAL SPONSOR EXEMPTION TO 2012 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN

PHOENIX, Ariz. – 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman Alex Clark announced today that Scottsdale resident Matt Jones will receive the fifth and final sponsor exemption for the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, scheduled to be played next week at the TPC Scottsdale.

“Matt is a talented player who came within a few shots of keeping his TOUR card for the 2012 season,” Clark said. “He finished 133rd on the 2011 TOUR Money List and tied for 38th at Q-school. I’m hoping this exemption will help launch his 2012 season.”

Jones, a 31-year-old from Sydney Australia, graduated from Arizona State in 2001. Since turning professional in 2001, Jones has played in 101 PGA TOUR events, has 10 top 10 finishes and 22 top 25 finishes. In 2011, he played in 25 TOUR events, claimed one top 10 finish, five top 25 finishes and won \$602,392 placing him 133rd on the Money List.

The Thunderbirds handed out a total of five exemptions to the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The first exemption went to three-time tournament champion Mark Calcavecchia, the second went to PGA TOUR rookie Harris English and the third went to TOUR veteran Fred Couples, the fourth went to ASU graduate Jeff Quinney and the fifth went to Jones.

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.

