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Press release

Volvo IT delivers world-class IT platform for Volvo Ocean Race

Volvo IT has been selected as Official IT supplier for the upcoming Volvo Ocean Race, which starts from Alicante, Spain, in October next year. Volvo IT will provide the IT platform, ensuring effective communications at each of the ten cities, which the race will visit during the course of the event.

As the IT supplier to the two previous Volvo Ocean Races, Volvo IT has proven capabilities to deploy a world-class IT infrastructure that can keep pace with the extreme nature of the Volvo Ocean Race. Volvo IT has the challenge to build and operate a flexible infrastructure under tight timeframes across a range of environments.

“Our IT solution requires a sophisticated infrastructure to run this world-class event,” says Volvo Ocean Race CEO Knut Frostad. “We are confident that Volvo IT has the proven ability to deliver at the highest level and we look forward to working with them on the upcoming race,” he adds.

Volvo IT will design a platform that ensures network access and availability for the Volvo Ocean Race staff, media visiting the race, and participating teams. A key aspect will include running the media centres from an IT perspective at each stopover, enabling the transmission of gigabytes of data and providing hands-on, IT support. Volvo IT will also provide hardware and support for the Volvo Ocean Race headquarters in Alicante, Spain.

“We are proud, once again, to have the chance to deliver to the Volvo Ocean Race,” says Volvo IT CEO Magnus Carlander. “The Volvo Ocean Race is one of the world’s most extreme, global sporting events and this is an exciting way for Volvo IT to showcase our ability to deliver IT solutions under extreme conditions and to leverage the passion and spirit of our committed team of employees around the globe.”

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For more information on the Volvo Ocean Race please visit www.VolvoOceanRace.com

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Editors' Notes: The Volvo Ocean Race

The next Volvo Ocean Race will start in the Spanish port of Alicante in the autumn of 2011 and finish in Galway, Ireland during the summer of 2012.

The course will include stopovers in Cape Town (South Africa), Abu Dhabi (UAE), Sanya (China), Auckland (New Zealand), Itajai (Brazil), Miami (USA), Lisbon (Portugal) and Lorient (France).

The first 31,250 nautical-mile race first took place over 37 years ago (as the Whitbread Round the World Race 1973-74), testing the crews against some of the most ferocious elements that man can encounter.

The 2011-12 race will be the 11th edition of the event.

The design of the boat is regulated and the boat is built for speed.

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