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KIM CLIJSTERS: WELCOME BACK TO BABOLAT TEAM!

Babolat, Lyon - May 14th, 2009 – Babolat is proud to welcome Kim Clijsters (BEL) back to its Pro Players team. World number 1 in 2003, Kim stopped her career two years ago to devote herself to her family life. She will naturally be playing with her Babolat Pure Drive racquet for her exhibition match at Wimbledon this week-end, before her official return to competition for the US hard-court season this summer.

«We have been working together since 1999 when Kim was only 16 years-old. She's a player with outstanding athletic and personal qualities. Our relationship is based on mutual trust. We are very happy to be with her for her come back on the Tour. Actually, she has always been a member of our Team! » says Eric Babolat, CEO of Babolat.

« Babolat has always supported me during my career. When I made the decision to go back to competition, there was no question for me, it would be with Babolat » says Kim Clijsters. « It's great to feel the sensation of my Pure Drive again. See you this week-end at Wimbledon! »

About Kim Clijsters' equipment

Racquet: Pure Drive.

Power and versatility, the Pure Drive racquet is strengthened by the GT Technology which reduces the torque for greater precision.

Played by 3 world#1: Carlos Moya (SPA), 1999 – Kim Clijsters (BEL) 2003 – Andy Roddick (USA) 2003

String: VS (natural gut)

A legendary string with unrivalled performance! Exceptional power and ultra-comfortable feel, extraordinary tension hold...Babolat natural gut is THE ultimate benchmark!

About Babolat

Inventor of tennis racquet strings 134 years ago in Lyon, France, Babolat is among the world leaders in tennis racquets. Today, the brand includes a complete tennis offering for competition and club players alike: racquets, strings, shoes, bags, apparel, tennis balls and accessories. Babolat equips 20% of the top 100 players in the ATP and WTA including Rafael Nadal (SP, #1 ATP), Andy Roddick (USA, #6 ATP) and Dinara Safina (RUS, #1 WTA)

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