



Press Release

## **In the fast lane**

**star and Team YAMAHA Motor Germany continue their partnership for the IDM Superbike in 2012**

***Elmshorn, Germany, 19 April 2012* – star has made a name for itself among bikers, not only as their local petrol station, but also with its sponsorship commitments. After all, star and Team YAMAHA share the same values and the same love for a pair of wheels as they always have.**

star is one of the largest partners of YAMAHA and has been its longest sponsor. Constant support is particularly necessary here, both for the team and in the equipment provided, because the entire sector is dependent on faithful sponsors. "star and YAMAHA have been bound by their common goal of maximum performance and innovation since back in 2009, and this is also the reason why star will remain faithful to its partner even into the future," said Wieslaw Milkiewicz, Managing Director of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH. The partnership is now in its fourth round as it battles for the German Championship.

### **New racing team, new technology – same trusted partner**

It's the ideal starting conditions for Team YAMAHA Motor Germany as they move towards a successful 2012 IDM Superbike season. Both a new racing team and technological enhancements to the bikes mean more performance. Matej Smrz (27) of the Czech Republic achieved fifth place for KTM in season 2011 of the IDM Superbike. "Matej Smrz definitely has what it takes to win the championship. The circumstances for him couldn't be better," said Team Manager Michael Galinski. Luca Hansen is also another new member of the YAMAHA Superbike Team. The German is considered the best newcomer of 2011. He is making his IDM Superbike debut this season. A rule change also means that there are certain changes



to be found in the YAMAHA bikes, with optimised camshafts and water coolers providing even better performance on the race track.

**The star coffee biker special offer enters its third round**

star's support for bikers extends to the roads and to star petrol stations as well. Since 1 April, bikers have been getting a free coffee throughout the season each time they stop for fuel – for the entire weekend.

**star – a strong brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH**

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has operated more than 560 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, which has its headquarters in Elmshorn near Hamburg, belongs to the Polish oil and petrochemistry group PKN ORLEN SA, which is the largest Polish company with an annual turnover of 23 billion euros in 2010 and one of the largest Central European groups.

PKN ORLEN SA is listed on the stock exchanges in Warsaw and London and is represented on the petrol station market in Eastern and Central Europe with a total of 2,700 petrol stations in Germany, Lithuania, Poland and the Czech Republic. In recent years, large investments have been made in Lithuania and the Czech Republic to bring the group a step closer to its goal of becoming the leading oil company in Central Europe.

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