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5400 drivers demonstrate exceptional performance in the FleetBoard Drivers' League

- **Finalists from Germany, Benelux countries, Great Britain, Italy, Austria and Romania are revealed**
- **Final to take place in Würth on 12 September 2009**

The competition for the best score in the Drivers' League has come to an end with the finalists being revealed. Some 5400 drivers demonstrated exceptional performance, stamina and tremendous motivation in the first series of competitions to be held concurrently across several countries to find the driver with the most economical driving style. By driving safely and efficiently on their daily operating routes, they succeeded in achieving excellent rankings in the FleetBoard performance analysis. This takes into account consumption and wear-related variables, such as anticipatory driving, speed variation and braking behaviour, for example.

- Emerging top of the table from Germany were drivers from the companies GP Günter Papenburg AG and DOEGO Fruchthandel und Import eG.

- In Great Britain, 21st Century Logistics Ltd and Clarke International Ltd took top honours.
- Top of the Italian rankings was the company S.T.B. SRL, with two drivers.
- The Benelux region was dominated by two drivers from Smeets Beheer B.V.
- In Romania, drivers from 8TIM SA and Mirex SRL topped the list.
- The winners in Austria were drivers from LKW Augustin Spedition Logistik & Transport GmbH.

The final result as to who will take top honours as overall victor in this year's Drivers' League still remains to be decided. The outcome will be decided at the European live final on 12 September 2009 in Wörth (Germany), where the best drivers from each of the countries will face each other in a variety of disciplines designed to test their economical, skilful and safe commercial vehicle driving skills.

According to Klaus Schnorr, managing director of DOEGO Fruchthandel und Import eG. (Germany): "We teach our drivers to drive economically on a consistent basis and are very proud of the results we have achieved. We are extremely pleased that we have done well once again, and have managed to get three drivers into the finals. Having already won the team assessment in 2007, but just failing to make a place onto the winners' podium at last year's finals, our aim now is to come away with the top title."

The partners in this year's FleetBoard Drivers' League are:
Mercedes-Benz CharterWay, Mercedes-Benz Global Service & Parts,
Mercedes-Benz Accessories GmbH, Shell, Allianz Versicherungs-AG,

FERNFAHRER Club and LOGISTIK AKADEMIE. They are supporting the drivers with some attractive prizes. Page 3

In addition, Shell is also providing fuel and lubricants designed to improve fuel economy. The new Shell Diesel fuel featuring economy formula, as well as the new Shell Rimula R6 LME 5W-30 diesel engine oil, can help to reduce fuel consumption by up to 5 percent.

Mercedes-Benz CharterWay places the emphasis squarely on safety and environmental compatibility in its own fleet, and is supporting the FleetBoard Drivers' League for the fifth year.

A variety of prizes have been awarded this year. However, there is much more to the contest than just winning prizes. With each trip, the drivers have demonstrated that they are the masters of their art, and are making a significant contribution to fuel savings. They drove in an incredibly economical way in their country leagues and showed once again how important their contribution is to the success of their business.

First place: a DTM VIP ticket for the end-of-season race at the Hockenheimring, including overnight accommodation for two people, from Mercedes-Benz Global Service & Parts.

Second place: Truck GrandPrix weekend tickets, including overnight accommodation for two people, from Shell.

Third place: Trucker Selection gift set from Mercedes-Benz Accessories GmbH.

The other finalists can look forward to Allianz office equipment for truckers from Allianz Versicherungs-AG.

The company of the winning driver will again receive three months' free use of an Actros semitrailer tractor, complete with FleetBoard vehicle management system from Mercedes-Benz CharterWay.

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About the FleetBoard Drivers' League

The FleetBoard Drivers' League has become a major fixture on the calendar of many European haulage companies and forwarding agents. The steadily growing number of participants in the last six years testifies to the success of this efficient-driving competition staged throughout Europe. More than 4000 drivers from 170 companies worked in 2008 to notch up a first-class driving style score during daily operations. This driving style score is then used in the FleetBoard performance analysis to rank competitors in the Drivers' League table and is calculated based on factors such as anticipatory driving, speed variation and braking behaviour to provide an objective statement on the economical handling of the truck. The increasingly large range of evenly matched talent among the top drivers proves that more and more drivers and companies are consistently seeking to practise a resource-conserving driving style in everyday business. In the end this is the key to success in the form of fuel savings and lower CO2 emissions.

About FleetBoard

Daimler FleetBoard GmbH was established in 2003 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Daimler AG and currently has over 140 employees. The company combines many years of experience in the truck sector with a wide range of IT know-how in order to support the freight-forwarding and logistics industry with telematics-based internet services. Since launching its FleetBoard services in 2000, the company, which is certified according to DIN ISO 9001:2000, has installed its systems in over 50,000 trucks operated by more than 1100 freight-forwarding companies. The company has its registered office in Stuttgart, Germany. FleetBoard sales representatives, who are experts in telematics, can be found throughout the whole of Europe as well as in the Middle East, South Africa and Brazil. Daimler FleetBoard is growing all the time and is constantly expanding its range of products and services, with the result that refinancing of the initial cost of the hardware is possible within 12 months. With market-leading standard systems and its own computer centre, the company provides clearly understandable and future-proof solutions which can easily be integrated into existing freight-forwarding programs.