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Standard Chartered wins seven awards at The Banker Awards 2007

London, 29 November 2007 – Standard Chartered announced today that it has won one regional and six country awards at The Banker Awards 2007 – a major recognition for the Bank’s achievements this year.

The awards include a major regional award - Bank of the Year in Africa 2007. The country awards are for the best bank in Afghanistan, Botswana, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia in 2007.

Peter Sands, Standard Chartered Group Chief Executive, said: “We are delighted to win these awards. Standard Chartered’s strategic intent is to be the world’s best international bank, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The Banker Awards 2007 recognise Standard Chartered’s leading positions and achievements in these markets. I would like to thank our employees for their hard work and our customers for their support and loyalty.”

Standard Chartered has been operating in Africa for more than 140 years. The Bank currently has over 140 branches in 13 African countries. The Bank is ideally positioned to take advantage of the growing trade corridors within Africa and between Africa and Asia.

In Pakistan, Standard Chartered is the largest and fastest growing International Bank. The Bank has been operating in Pakistan for over 140 years since it first established its operations in Karachi in 1863. The Bank has 141 branches across 25 cities.

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About Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and the number of employees have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank in its markets by being the right partner for its stakeholders and leading by example. The group now employs over 60,000 people, representing some 100 nationalities, in more than 1,400 branches located in over 50 countries. The bank generates more than 90 per cent of its profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with balanced income derived from both Wholesale and Consumer Banking.

The group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity.

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