**Media Release**

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**South Africa wins BMW International Polo Series against Uruguay.**

**BMW South Africa and the SA Polo Association celebrate twenty seven year partnership, making it the longest-running consecutive sports sponsorship in South Africa.**

**Midrand** –The second and final test of the 2016 BMW International Polo Series saw an epic battle between South Africa and Uruguay on Sunday, 11th September at the Waterfall Polo Estate in Sunninghill, Johannesburg.

The South African team secured a hard fought 9-8 triumph in their first test match at Shongweni Club in Hillcrest, Durban on Sunday 4th September. The second match seemed to be yet another victory for the South African team with a 7-5 win.

The second and final test match started with windy weather conditions, and both teams seemed determined to provide an entertaining and energetic match. The game started at 14h30 with the 4th chukka showing both teams attacking at every opportunity and the final chukka ending with a win for the South African team – the man of the match was awarded to Tom de Bruin, SA Team Captain for being the highest scorer.

Team players for South Africa were: Tom de Bruin (7 Goal), Gareth Evans (6 Goal), John Eustace (5 Goal), Davey Evans (5 Goal) and reserve Mike Osborn (4 Goal). The Uruguayan team consisted of Mauricio Sanchez (5 Goal), Santiago Stirling (5 Goal), Pablo Fernandez Llorente (6 Goal), Martin Tassara (6 Goal) and reserve, Aparicio Oddo (4 Goal).

The BMW Group is celebrating its centenary this year. The company has always looked ahead, constantly challenging itself, convinced that: The best way to predict the future is to create it. The same applies to the company’s sponsorship commitments and now the BMW Group is looking ahead at the Next 100 Years.

Through the BMW Sponsorship, the South African Polo Association (SAPA) is able to invite leading polo nations to play in South Africa and test local high goal players as well as the national side in the international arena. This collaboration also allows SAPA to invest in the development of polo through its transformation policy.

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