**EXTREME E VISITS THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

**4 May 2023, London:**Màiri McAllan MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, took to the driving seat of an electric vehicle that will be racing in Scotland’s flagship motorsport event next weekend in Glenmuckloch – the Extreme E Hydro X Prix.

The net-zero championship’s next round will take place in the former open-cast Glenmuckloch mine in Dumfries and Galloway on 13-14 May.

Racing at the restored former coal mine for the Hydro X Prix will provide a poignant backdrop for Extreme E, which uses its platform to raise awareness of climate change and global solutions, with the mine about to undergo the next phase of its major transformation into a Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSH) plant and wind farm.

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“18 months ago world leaders met in Glasgow for COP26, aiming to secure global net zero by the middle of this century. As an off-road rally series which focuses on the promotion of electric vehicles and clean energy innovations, the former mine is the perfect natural amphitheatre to showcase the necessary industry transition to move from fossil fuels to clean energy futures, and the central role Scotland wants to play in that just transition.”

**Alejandro Agag, Founder and CEO of Extreme E, said:** “We are thrilled to be headed to Scotland for the Hydro X Prix, and we could not have found a more perfect racing site than the former Glenmuckloch coal mine. Here in Scotland, our race site will play homage to the much needed transition of an old coal mine which is being given a new and exciting lease of life as a hydro-project which will provide a fully renewable energy source for the region for centuries to come.”

Extreme E has also revealed its plans to support the restoration of the River Nith to ensure the preservation of Atlantic salmon numbers. Partnering with the Nith District Salmon Fishery Board, the aim is to reverse the impact of climate change through community engagement, education, and the application of science.

The aim is to re-meander rivers, introduce large woody structures to create diversity on the riverbed and spawning substrate for salmon, stabilise riverbanks with green-engineering, plant 200 hectares of riparian woodlands, and install 100 leaky dams to help slow the river flow and reduce erosion.

Extreme E doesn’t have spectators at its races, in order to keep its carbon footprint to a minimum, but the Hydro X Prix will be shown live on STV at 1300 – 1500 on both Saturday 13 May and Sunday 14 May.

For more information on the race, visit [here](https://www.extreme-e.com/en/news/822_Extreme-E-reveals-plans-to-race-in-former-Scottish-coal-mine)

**To learn more about Extreme E, visit -** [**www.Extreme-E.com**](http://www.extreme-e.com)**ENDS**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

**About Extreme E:**
Now heading into its third season, Extreme E is a radical off-road racing series, founded by the same team behind Formula E, which showcases electric SUVs and futuristic technologies in some of the world’s most remote and challenging environments.

This five-event global voyage utilises its sporting platform for the purpose of promoting electrification, environment and equality. The series’ goal is to highlight the impact of climate change in some of the world’s most endangered environments, promote the adoption of electric vehicles to pave the way for a lower carbon future, and provide a world-first gender-equal motorsport platform.

The first sport to ever be built out of a social purpose, Extreme E aims to minimise environmental impact while maximising awareness, racing in places that have already been damaged or affected by climate change or human interference and taking fans deep into the heart of the most pressing issues facing our planet’s future.

Not only that, but Extreme E is also helping the car industry to develop future-facing technology using racing as a platform for road innovation, which accelerates change ten-fold.

Season 3 Calendar:

Saudi Arabia
11-12 March 2023
Scotland
13-14 May 2023
Sardinia, Italy
08-09 July 2023
Amazon/USA
16-17 September 2023
Chile
02-03 December 2023

**About Continental Tires: Founding Partner and Official Tire Partner**
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The tyres business area has 24 production and development locations worldwide. Continental is one of the leading tyre manufacturers with more than 56,000 employees and offers a broad product range for passenger cars, commercial and special-purpose vehicles as well as two-wheelers. Through continuous investment in research and development, Continental makes a major contribution to safe, cost effective and ecologically efficient mobility. The portfolio of the tyres business area includes services for the tyre trade and fleet applications, as well as digital management systems for tyres.

Continental developed a new high-performance tyre for Extreme E Season 2, redesigned to include the use of more sustainable materials. Each of the 30 tyres that Continental has supplied to all ten Extreme E teams now contains recycled polyester made from approximately 60 PET bottles. In total, around a third of each second-generationCrossContact Extreme E tyre consists of recycled and renewable raw materials.

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**About Enel X Way: Official Smart Charging Partner**
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With innovation as its guiding star, Zenith features exceptional in-house developed and manufactured movements in all its watches. Since the creation of the El Primero in 1969, the world’s first automatic chronograph calibre, Zenith has gone on to master fractions of the second with the Chronomaster Sport and its 1/10th of a second precision and the DEFY 21 with a precision of 1/100th of a second.

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ENOWA will act as a catalyst and incubator for developing new, sustainable energy and water businesses while creating a robust economic sector regionally. Through its commitment to renewable energy and efficient water management, ENOWA seeks to become a global reference for industry leaders and setting a benchmark for sustainable economic circular systems around the world.

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This collaboration will see Vodafone Business leading innovations and capabilities such as 5G, MPN, IOT and MEC, integrated into Extreme E’s global operations and will include full involvement in the purpose- driven elements of the series, with special prominence on Extreme E’s Legacy Programmes and the Science Laboratory on board the St Helena. Through its IOT solutions, Vodafone Business is helping sustainability efforts, including agriculture, forestation and decarbonisation of energy grids.

Find out more on [http://www.Vodafone.com/business](http://www.vodafone.com/business) and follow Vodafone on its social media channels:

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LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/company/vodafone](http://www.linkedin.com/company/vodafone)**About EY: Official Sustainability Partner**
EY is a global leader in assurance, consulting, strategy, transactions and tax services, and already plays a significant role in working with Extreme E. Originally announcing its collaboration with the championship back in 2020, EY came on board to help Extreme E achieve its commitment to minimising its overall footprint whilst creating a positive legacy.

Whilst Extreme E strives ‘to race without a trace’, the framework provided by EY has helped the series to minimize its environmental impact across each of its remote race locations. Both prior and post-racing impact assessments have supported Extreme E to strategically plan their actions within these areas.

EY and Extreme E will work closely together to promote the five pillars of Extreme E (or “Five Es”) through the adoption of ‘XE Talks’. These informative presentations, facilitated by Extreme E’s Scientific Committee, will shed light on the Five Es, showcasing the joint commitment of EY and Extreme E.

**About Allianz: Founding Partner and Official Insurance Partner**
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CBMM | Niobium is a founding supplier of Extreme E and the Championship’s official Niobium Technology Supplier and Chassis Technology Supplier.

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KCE offers its mobile microgrid to customers through an Energy as a Service contract, which eliminates large capital expenses and provides customers with the flexibility to scale with energy needs over time.

Kaizen Clean Energy will support ENOWA - NEOM’s energy, water, and hydrogen subsidiary and Green Hydrogen Power Partner to Extreme E - in delivering a pioneering hydrogen microgrid solution to the championship.

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