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VIJAY SINGH WINS 2007 MERCEDES-BENZ CHAMPIONSHIP

LAHAINA, HI. (Jan. 7, 2007) -- Vijay Singh won the PGA TOUR's season-opening, winners-only Mercedes-Benz Championship today with a 14-under Par performance and a total of 278 (69-69-70-70) over four rounds on Kapalua Resort's Par-73 Plantation Course. The victory was the 30th win in his impressive Hall-of-Fame career and it earned him \$1.1 million as well as the keys to an all-new 2007 Mercedes-Benz GL450 sport utility vehicle and the prestigious Tiffany Trophy. Singh now has the distinction of having the lead in the inaugural FedEx Cup race with 4,500 points.

Adam Scott, who won the final tournament of 2006, The TOUR Championship, to earn his way into the Mercedes-Benz Championship, finished a close second after making a charge for the lead on the back nine. Scott got as close as two strokes behind Singh after the 16th hole and three-consecutive birdies. But any chances he had to snatch the win away ended when he missed a short putt for par on the 17th hole.

"I was totally in control of my game," said Singh, 43, who is originally from Fiji. "I wasn't at any point worried about my position. I was very focused today. I started out beautifully. I birdied the first two holes and nobody was going to catch me."

Singh earned his victory under very challenging conditions as heavy rain and strong trade winds gusting above 30 mph rewarded patience and perseverance during the first two rounds of the tournament. The weather calmed down a bit for the final two rounds. But only Scott could mount any serious threat to Singh's lead.

The 2007 Mercedes-Benz Championship was the 18th win for Vijay since he turned 40 years old. He has now surpassed the mark once held by Sam Snead for the most wins by a player over the age of 40. He also became only the second player in TOUR history to surpass the \$50 million mark in career earnings. Only Tiger Woods has earned more money than Singh on the PGA TOUR.

"Life doesn't stop at 40," said Singh, who is well known as one of the hardest working professionals in golf, both on the practice range and in the gym.

Stuart Appleby, who was here competing for his fourth-consecutive win in the Mercedes-Benz Championship, finished a distant 13th at 4-under Par.

The Kapalua Resort is a master-planned community set amidst a 23,000-acre working pineapple plantation on Maui's northwest coast. The resort is renowned for its world-class golf courses - The Bay, The Village and The Plantation Courses; ten residential communities; premier accommodations at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua; The Kapalua Villas, a villa rental program; Kapalua Luxury Homes, a luxury home rental program; a tennis complex; three white sand beaches including America's Best Beach; and a myriad of restaurants and shops. Kapalua hosts five signature events each year, the PGA TOUR's season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship in January, Whale Quest, Kapalua in February, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts festival in April, the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival in July, and LifeFest Kapalua in September. Readers of *Travel + Leisure Golf* magazine recognized Kapalua Resort as the #1 Golf Destination in Hawaii for 2006. For more information, visit www.kapalua.com or call (800) KAPALUA.

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