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BP Egypt hosted a Corporate Race in support of the Egyptian Paralympics athletes. The race was organized by Red Rock International, who invited a number of Egypt's influential enterprises to take part in a corporate race event, aiming to highlight Paralympic sports and encourage additional support for Egyptian athletes training to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Over 40 teams representing a wide range of industries participated in the race. Hosted by BP Egypt, the race was supported by three main sponsors: Orange Egypt for Telecommunications S.A.E, Emirates NBD and Al Hassan Foundation. Additional supporters included JW Marriott and Orascom Construction as well as AKAM Developers and Qube+.

"Supporting sports teams and federations, particularly Paralympic athletes, is a global commitment for BP and one with an essential social component," said Hesham Mekawi, BP North Africa Regional President. "We see it an integral element of our work to support sustainable social development in Egypt. We are proud to play an important role in helping these athletes continue to overcome unique challenges on their quest for medals and the honour of representing their country."

The corporate race event spanned an entire day, with tailored activities designed to promote interaction between the teams and create momentum in support of the Paralympics athletes. In the evening, following a twophase race, the efforts of all participants were recognized ata closing celebration where Dr Hyatt Khattab, Egyptian National Paralympic Committee (ENPC) President, was invited as a guest of honour to give a key note speech.

"We are proud of our Paralympic champions and have no doubt they will represent Egypt to the very best of their abilities in Tokyo and beyond," said Dr.Khattab. "BP has demonstrated an admirable dedication to supporting differently-abled athletes in Egypt and across the globe, showing the world that it is the spirit of competition, and the will to overcome obstacles and grow through challenges, that defines our Paralympic champions."

In 2012, BP Egypt was the first oil and gas company to become an official partner of the Egyptian National Olympic and Paralympic Committees since the establishment of the Egyptian Olympic Committee in 1910.

Building on its long-term partnership with the Egyptian Paralympic Committee, in May this year BP Egypt announced that it had signed three agreements with three Egyptian Paralympian champions: Ahmed Abdel Fattah (sitting volleyball), Ayatallah Ayman Abbas (swimming), and Mostafa Fathalla (Athletics). BP Egypt is providing these highly-decorated athletes with individual support on their journey to Tokyo 2020, helping them prepare for this sporting highlight and perform atthe highest levels at the Games. The three BP Egypt Paralympic brand ambassadors participated as part of the BP teams during the race. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be held between 25 August and 6 September 2020.