

100 Days before the 2012 London Olympic Games and Five Years since Corporate Commercial Bank AD's *Big Check* Initiative Started

Tzvetan Vassilev: *"It is a great honor and privilege for me to announce Corporate Commercial Bank AD's policy for encouraging professional Bulgarian sports by continuing what is already a tradition: the Big Check. With it, we wish to inspire Bulgarian sportspeople for their hard work, effort, willpower, courage, and most of all for representing our homeland before the world in the best manner. Bulgaria can hardly have any better ambassadors than its magnificent sportspeople. I am genuinely happy as a representative of Corporate Commercial Bank AD that we can afford the pleasure of awarding our most successful sportspeople. To date, the Big Check initiative has seen Corporate Commercial Bank AD disburse monetary prizes of 350,000 leva. I would be happy if this amount took a leap after the 2012 London Olympics. We decided to award Olympic champions double the old amount of 100 000 leva. I would also be happy if there were many winners, because our management is coming around to the opinion that we ought to set special bonuses for them, too, to be announced on another occasion. I wish good luck, success, and courage to our wonderful sportspeople, their coaches, and managers."*