



## Katusha Team signed Denis Menchov

Katusha Team and Russian rider Denis Menchov have reached a common agreement; according to it, the best domestic specialist in Grand Tours will join Russian World Tour team in 2012. *- This agreement is a logical step in further realization of the Russian Global Cycling Project which is aimed at uniting the most competitive Russian riders within one structure. I consider it as one of the necessary conditions for successful development of Russian cycling and for enhancing its international prestige. I am sincerely glad that from 2012 Menchov will join Katusha team and the Russian Global Cycling Project. And I strongly believe that he will show some high results in the upcoming season*, - stated **Igor MAKAROV**, President of Russian Cycling Federation, member of the UCI Management Committee, chief of the Russian Global Cycling Project, head of MGK "ITERA".

*- I am very glad to join Katusha. I have been looking forward to it for a long time, and I always regarded it as the right step for me and my career. I very much appreciate what Mr. Makarov is doing for Russian cycling. In my turn, I'd like to contribute as much as I can to the Russian global cycling project as well as to regaining to Russia its leading positions in world sport,* noted

## **Denis Menchov**

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Denis Menchov is a double winner of Vuelta a Espana (2005 and 2007) and winner of Giro d'Italia (2009). During his career, the rider won 7 stages at Grand Tours (4 stages of Vuelta, 2 stages of Giro and a stage of Tour).