



### **MOMO NGT MOTORSPORT PROVES IT CAN RUN AT THE TOP IN DAYTONA**

**Miami, FL.** (February 14, 2013) – MOMO NGT Motorsport came away from Daytona with a lot of smiles despite not coming away with the results the team hoped for. The team and drivers put on such a strong showing during the race leading over 100 laps and running in the top three until the car suffered a terminal issue. Drivers Henrique Cisneros, Kuba Giermaziak, Sean Edwards and Porsche factory driver Patrick Pilet put in some excellent driving time behind the wheel. The team was well prepared to endure the 2013 Rolex 24H of Daytona.

During the weekend the team encountered some issues through tech inspection. As a habit, team owner Ramez Wahab always sends his cars through tech before they go out to qualify for the teams own piece of mind. Following on his habit, the #30 MOMO NGT Motorsport Porsche was sent to tech and passed with flying colors just before going out on track to qualify for the race. Driver Sean Edwards set the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time in the GT class before handing the car back over to the officials for post qualifying tech inspection. It was discovered that the rear wing was 2mm off the required measurement in which the officials disqualified the car and sent the car to the back of the pack to start the race. Later it was discovered that the heat from the exhaust was causing the rear bumper to expand and contract under the intense heat. The NGT Motorsport crew went to work and fixed the issue for the race to comply with the rules.

The team had success throughout the race as all four drivers led respectively at different points in the race. With Porsche Factory driver Patrick Pilet behind the wheel, the #30 MOMO NGT Motorsport Porsche lapped Daytona in a 1:47.983 which held up for a race track record in the GT class. After the race ended for the team Pilet mentioned, “It’s a shame that this happened to us, it was the best car I’ve ever driven here in Daytona. It was so fast.”

Having never been to Daytona until the Roar Test Kuba Giermaziak, was very impressive behind the wheel of the #30, keeping the car out of trouble and on the lead lap during one of his stints. Giermaziak was in the car when the left front brake rotor decided to let go. “I was doing 180mph through the front straight and all of a sudden I felt bang on the front and thought I lost the front wheel. The car felt fine and didn’t notice anything wrong with it before the mechanical failure. I’m so sorry for the guys that this happened because everyone was doing such a fantastic job while being the fastest Porsche out there,” said Giermaziak.

“I feel so bad for the guys. Everyone did a spot on job and it showed throughout the race. We had a really strong run going and were challenging for the win. The car was fast the pit stops were good. I was woken up around 6:00am and was told I was in next stint when we got held up. The car was so good that I drove the car back around to get into the lead. We will come back stronger from this,” Sean Edwards said about the race.

Overall, I think the team did a fantastic job. We've shown that we were the fastest car out there. We've been working very hard in the last year, and specifically in endurance racing, to compete in world-class 24 hour races, such as Daytona. You can't say enough about the team and how strong we were out there. Unfortunately, Lady Luck was not with us today. We had a mechanical failure that no one could have predicted. Up until then, the car did not have a scratch on it. Every driver did their job exactly how they were supposed to and we were going for the win. It's very disappointing, but in the end, we are all leaving with our heads held up, knowing that we did a fantastic job and we'll be back for next year," said Cisneros.

"We had such a strong run going with a chance to win at the 24 Hours of Daytona," said Ramez Wahab, based in Miami, Florida. "We had consistently been in the Top Five or even the Top Three most of the race and had led many laps until the 19<sup>th</sup> hour. It was such a disappointment to be out of the race after such an extraordinary effort by all the drivers and crew. Now we know the cause for Kuba's (Giermaziak) 180-mph left front suspension failure was the brake rotor explosion. We were using the same aftermarket rotors that we have had success with in the past with no problems, so it was a big surprise for us. I am so proud of my team for the amazing effort everyone made to give us such a strong charge at Daytona. A win would have been nice but it was an exceptional effort for us as a privateer team to give the Audi Factory and Ferrari Factory Teams a run for their money. I want to thank Porsche Motorsport for their support which played a big part of our effort," added Ramez Wahab.

NGT Motorsport Inc. was founded in 2003 by Ramez Wahab, located in Miami, Florida and is dedicated to providing the most professional & competitive racing – from local club racing to international competition. Flexibility and know-how has brought much success and the opportunity to become a leading Porsche Race Team in North America, having secured the 2010 & 2011 IMSA GT3 Cup Championship and the recent 2012 AMLS Petit Le Mans GTC victory

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