



Quifel ASM Team fastest team in LMP2 class

Official tests for Le Mans Series at Paul Ricard

9th March, 2009 – The Ginetta-Zytek 09s of Portugal’s Quifel ASM Team made its mark this weekend in the LMP2 class in the first two days of official tests of the Le Mans Series that took place on the Paul Ricard track in France.



The times clocked by the Portuguese team were significant as the track performance of the Ginetta-Zytek 09s was better than other competitors in the same class who also took advantage of the official tests to try their cars, namely the Porsche RS Spyder of Team Essex, the Lola Judd of

Speedy Racing Sebah and, RML’s Lola Mazda.

At the end of the official tests, the Quifel ASM Team’s Ginetta-Zytek 09s, managed a time of 1.43.3 and the second fastest time was clocked by the Team Essex Porsche at 1.44.2, a team with an identical car to the one that dominated the Le Mans Series races last year.

At the wheel of the Ginetta-Zytek 09s were drivers Miguel Pais do Amaral, Olivier Pla and Guy Smith, the English driver who will this year join the two official Quifel ASM Team drivers at the 24 Hour Le Mans race, scheduled for 13 and 14 June and in which only the world’s best endurance driving team take part.

At the end of the tests, António Simões, director of the Quifel ASM Team, said he was very happy with the performance of the Ginetta-Zytek 09s, adding that the, "car did around 260 laps over two days of tests, totalling 1,508 kilometres. Although we are only in tests, the fact that we got the best time over these two days is still important, considering that the Porsches were also racing, and they are always a benchmark in terms of results."



Summing up, Alan Mugglestone, the Portuguese team's engineer said that, "the new version of the Zytek engine showed it was more powerful, which made it possible to lower lap times. We also took advantage and assessed the progress of tuning the car in terms of suspension and aerodynamics, whilst also testing some tyres. The times we achieved were a pleasant surprise as they were reached without using qualification tyres."

The QUIFEL-ASM Team, which will compete in the LMP2 class, is the only Portuguese team taking part in the Le Mans Series championship, which provides access to the Le Mans 24 Hour race. The first race is scheduled for 5th April on the Catalonia track in Barcelona.

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