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Motul partners Roof of Africa

Extreme Off-Road Promotions, organiser of Roof of Africa, has recently announced that Motul had been selected as official lubricant partner for the famous motorcycle race that takes place in the Kingdom of Lesotho, in the heart of South Africa. Traditionally held in November, this year it will take place in early December to allow it to fit in better with the international calendar [of competition events] and therefore attract a larger number of riders and teams.

Roof of Africa, which has been going for 47 years, is considered one of the world's toughest off-road enduros, with some very difficult stages set at altitudes of between 1,500 and 3,000 meters, plus tricky sections

through fords and mountain passes. *'We believe this partnership will not only have a positive effect on our business,' said Steven Lurie, Business Development Manager of Motul for South Africa, 'but also that our presence will give a more international flavour to the event through our contacts with the teams and specialist off-road riders.'*

Peter Luck of Extreme Off-Road Promotions comments, *'The Roof of Africa is a tough competition set in one of Africa's most spectacular areas. (...) To achieve our development goals, we decided to form closer partnerships with key strategic and international companies such as Motul. We are very excited about this partnership.'*

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Super GT / Fuji

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Yamamoto - Makowiecki / Weider Modulo Dome Racing / Honda NSX Concept-GT

Victory for Motul teams in GT500 and in GT300!

The fifth round of the Super GT Championship, held on 10 August at Fuji Speedway, was marked by extremely unsettled weather and very heavy rain storms which brought about a suspension of the race for 30 minutes and several appearances by the safety car. In these difficult conditions, the Motul-supported Weider Modulo team's Honda NSX earned its first win of the season! The car, driven by Naoki Yamamoto and Frederic Makowiecki managed to move up several places in the field before taking the lead on the 8th lap, gradually pulling away from the pack. *'I'd like to thank the whole team and our partners!'* said Makowiecki. *'In the first part of the race, Naoki [Yamamoto] stretched out a good lead and when it was my stint I was able to maintain it without pushing too hard. The NSX performed well, both in the dry and wet conditions.'* Behind it on the second step of the podium was another Motul team, Motul Autech with its Nissan GT-R, having held the lead early in the race and set the race lap record.

For Motul the weekend was really a great success because, in GT300, it was also a team sporting Motul's colours which took victory! The Subaru BRZ of Sasaki and

Iguchi dominated the race from start to finish, taking the lead from the off and holding on to it to the end, even after the race stoppage and the second consecutive start in heavy rain. Kota Sasaki explains: *'Early in the race, even though I knew the safety car would be called into play because of the rain, I nevertheless attacked in order to create a gap to the field and to show our competitors that we were the strongest (...). I am happy to win at this track, which hadn't been good for us until now.'*

This race was of particular importance for Motul because it was the 100th event contested as a partner to Nismo. A trophy was presented to the Japanese manufacturer to mark the occasion.

The next Super GT event will take place at Suzuka on 30/31 August.

GT500 standings

01 / Lexus Team Keeper Tom's – Lexus RC F - 66pts

02 / Team Impul – Nissan GT-R - 60pts

03 / Nismo – Nissan GT-R – 54 pts

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FIM MotoGP World Championship / Indianapolis

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 **10** 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18



Espargaro - Smith / Monster Energy Yamaha Tech3 / Yamaha M1

Superb performance from Tech3's riders!

While the midway point of the season has been and gone, Marc Marquez continues to produce stand-out results in the MotoGP Championship. The rider has notched up ten consecutive victories in the first ten Grands Prix of the season, a feat that has only been achieved before now by Giacomo Agostini. From Yamaha Tech3's point of view, with which Motul is a partner, there was also something to celebrate this weekend in Indianapolis. On 9 and 10 August, Pol Espargaro and Bradley Smith finished in 5th and 6th places respectively, ahead of all other private teams. Starting from 6th on the grid and dropping to 7th after that, Pol Espargaro managed to pass first Iannone and then Dovizioso. Espargaro earned himself a place in the overall classification and also reached the highest top speed of any Yamaha at 341.8 km/h. His teammate Bradley Smith also had a great race, despite a fall the day before that injured a finger. Tenth after the start, he made up several places and passed Dovizioso during the penultimate lap. *'It was a great race for us today,'* admitted team boss, Hervé Poncharal.

At NGM Forward Racing, the other Motul-supported team, things were less happy because Aleix Espargaro, who set a brilliant 4th quickest lap time in qua-

lifying, lost a few places at the start before clashing with Stephan Bradl, which caused him to fall and retire from the race. Meanwhile, aged 40, Colin Edwards announced that he was bringing his career as a professional rider to a close and the Texan thus bade his farewells to his fans. Double World Superbike Champion Colin plans to stay in the world of motorcycling and help train up and coming riders. He will be replaced by Alex de Angelis for the rest of the 2014 season and, from 2015, by German rider Stephan Bradl.

The teams will now travel back across the Atlantic for the next Grand Prix which takes place in Brno on 17 August.

Standings

01 / Marc Marquez, Honda, 250 pts	
02 / Dani Pedrosa, Honda, 161 pts	
03 / Valentino Rossi, Yamaha, 157 pts	
05 / Pol Espargaro, Yamaha Tech3, 78 pts	MOTUL
06 / A. Espargaro, NGM F. Racing Yamaha, 77 pts	MOTUL
09 / Bradley Smith, Yamaha Tech3, 58 pts	MOTUL

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Australasian Superbike Championship / Victoria

Round 01 02 03 **04** 05 06



Team Honda Racing / Troy Herfoss-Wayne Maxwell / Honda CBR1000RR SP

Team Honda Racing dominates yet again

It was another CBR1000RR SP blitz at the race track for the Swann Insurance Australasian Superbike Championship with Motul-supported Team Honda Racing taking all three Superbike race wins and making it a Honda 1-2-3 on the podium for Round 4 at Winton Raceway. Race 1 set the tone for all three races with Troy Herfoss (No.17) and Wayne Maxwell (No.47) battling throughout for the win. Herfoss eventually made a conclusive pass to take the Race 1 win, with Maxwell in 2nd place, just 0.152s behind his team mate. Josh Hook on the No.16 finished 5th and Stauffer 7th.

The second race was equally exciting and the battle between Maxwell and Herfoss raged again but, on lap 8, Herfoss had an unfortunate crash. Maxwell took the Race 2 win and broke his team mate's Superbike lap record from the previous race, recording a lap time of 1:22.287s. It was Team Honda Racing's Josh Hook in 2nd place and Stauffer finished a solid 5th.

Race 3 was undoubtedly the most thrilling and nail bi-

ting as the Honda CBR1000RR SPs battled again for the final win. Once more it was Maxwell and Herfoss out in front, determined to make their final mark on the day's racing. The team mates fought hard for the race win, but ultimately Herfoss out-foxed Maxwell on the final turn to take the race win by just 0.081s. Josh Hook made it a Team Honda Racing 1-2-3 for Race 3 when he passed Glenn Allerton on lap 7 and did not look back. Stauffer held strong despite his injury to finish 7th. Round 4 at Winton Raceway saw Team Honda Racing paint the podium red as they took 1-2-3 overall for the event with Wayne Maxwell taking the Round honours, Josh Hook in 2nd and Troy Herfoss in 3rd.

Superbike Standings

- 01 / W. Maxwell, Team Honda Racing, 248 pts **MOTUL**
- 02 / Jamie Stauffer, Team Honda Racing, 234 pts **MOTUL**
- 03 / Troy Herfoss, Team Honda Racing, 210 pts **MOTUL**

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MX Nationals / New South Wales

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 **08** 09 10



Team Motul Suzuki / Matt Moss / Suzuki RM-Z450

Matt Moss extends championship lead

Team Motul Suzuki's Matt Moss continued building his advantage in the 2014 MX Nationals, Australian's Motocross Championship, to 40 points following a fantastic overall victory at Raymond Terrace in New South Wales.

Defending national champion Moss was in scintillating form at the team's home venue on the calendar, winning the opening two races before finishing with a second place in the third, thus assuring him of combined victory. It was Moss' third overall weekend victory of the season.

'Today was really good for us as a team and I just felt so much confidence on the RM-Z450,' Moss stated. 'We really wanted to win this weekend and it's turned out to be very positive for the championship. Thank you to Team Motul Suzuki and all of our associated sponsors.'

Team Motul Suzuki manager Jay Foreman was satisfied with the outright win at Raymond Terrace, commending Moss on his form and also outlining the importance of the new fork introduced on Sunday.

Moss was Team Motul Suzuki's lone entry on Sunday, with teammate Rhys Carter suffering a broken wrist in the lead-up to the round while training in New Zealand. The MX Nationals will now continue with the penultimate round at Gladstone in Queensland on Sunday, 24 August.

MX1 Standings

- 01 / Matt Moss, Team Motul Suzuki, 653 pts **MOTUL**
- 02 / Kirk Gibbs, KTM Racing Team, 613 pts
- 03 / Billy Mackenzie, CDR Yamaha, 571 pts

