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## Michael Guasch Joins JDC Motorsports for 2009 Star Mazda Championship

Master Class Competitor Seeks to Keep Championship in Organization

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JDC Motorsports has added another Star Mazda veteran to their ranks today with the announcement that Masters Class competitor Michael Guasch has joined the organization for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Guasch, who wrapped up a third place finish in the 2008 Masters Class championship despite missing over half of the season, looks to take up the mantle of 2008 class champion and former JDC Motorsports driver Chuck Hulse.

Joining a powerhouse organization that captured the overall series championship in 2007 with series rookie Dane Cameron, and following up with strong 2008 campaigning, including the class championship for Hulse, Guasch is looking forward to his 2009 prospects. "With the season debut at Sebring right around the corner I am excited to be running under the JDC Motorsports banner for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship," Guasch commented. "John Church has put together a proven championship caliber organization and I'm looking forward to running alongside Alex Ardoin and Caio Lara as they seek the overall championship while I aim for the Master Series title."

As the founder of Molecule Labs, a company that has introduced a revolutionary product for the care and cleaning of Nomex racing suits, Guasch cut down his racing activities following the 2006 season to focus on the development and introduction of the Molecule products, sponsoring the Pacific Coast Motorsports ChampCar entry and sponsoring and participating in the regional MOLECULE Formula Mazda Challenge Championship based at Infineon Raceway near his hometown of Walnut Creek, California.

Guasch's desire to return to the Star Mazda Championship came when the MOLECULE Formula Mazda Challenge participated alongside the series at Miller Motorsports Park. Running against the other Masters Class competitors Guasch started thinking about returning to the series for a full season. He would enter the championship at the Portland rounds of the event and capture the class victory in the first race of the doubleheader weekend and compete in five races in 2008. In addition to finishing third in the Masters Class despite the limited number of events he would claim second place overall in the Star Mazda West Coast Championship and third in the MOLECULE Formula Mazda Challenge.

"It was difficult to step back from the national level of competition following the 2006 season and I still followed the Star Mazda championship closely," Guasch explained. "In 2007 I attended the Portland weekend as a sponsor for Pacific Coast Motorsports and it was hard not to want to jump behind the wheel when the Star series drivers were on track. Running with the series last year in conjunction with the regional series and winning at Portland reinforced my desire to come back for the full season. JDC Motorsports was the perfect fit as it allows me to continue my working relationship with Rick Cameron who engineered my car last season for the Formula Mazda Challenge events."

"I was able to watch Mike develop a lot as a driver last season as we worked together at the west coast events," Cameron revealed. "As he started looking towards the 2009 season and his goal of going for the Master Class championship the idea of working together at JDC Motorsports made perfect sense. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with him as he chases the championship."

JDC Motorsports co-owner John Church is equally enthused. "Mike has shown that he is a true competitor and everyone at JDC Motorsports is looking forward to working with him as we get the season underway," Church said. "His desire to follow in the footsteps of our championship winning drivers makes him an asset to our organization."

Opening practice for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will get underway on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, with Round One racing on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Sebring International Raceway as part of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring activities.























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## **About JDC Motorsports**

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC Motorsports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC Motorsports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Competing in the Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Championship, the team not only won races, but also helped develop multiple young drivers. In 2005, JDC Motorsports expanded its efforts, entering the Star Mazda Championship. Quickly becoming one of the top teams in the series, JDC captured both driver and team titles last season, as well as Rookie of the Year honors with Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. This past season, JDC Motorsports finished fourth in its inaugural season F2000 Championship Series competition and as the runner-up in the Star Mazda Championship.

Additional information on JDC Motorsports can be obtained from the team's website @ <a href="http://www.jdcmotorsports.com">http://www.jdcmotorsports.com</a>. For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 952-233-3075.

## **About Molecule Labs**

Molecule Labs has its roots in both specialty chemical manufacturing and motor sports. Over the years, its creator, Michael Guasch, has often worn a lab coat one day and a racing suit the next. His unique understanding of these two distinct professions brought Molecule™ Technical Fabric Care System into being. Guasch's expertise developing innovative protective chemicals led to the sale of one of his national brands to a Fortune 500 company in 2005. But instead of retiring, he decided to devote more time to racing.

With his increased time on the racetrack, Guasch realized that his Nomex® racing suits required special care that dry cleaning and ordinary laundry products could not provide. So he returned to the lab to develop a new line of protective chemicals and care products specifically formulated for Nomex® and other technical fabrics.

After two years of development and testing, <u>in the lab</u> and <u>on the track</u>, Guasch and his new company have created the four-step Molecule™ Technical Fabric Care System.

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