

## IMPROVED QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE FOR A1 TEAM LEBANON AT A1 GRAND PRIX OF NATIONS, AUSTRALIA

**5 November 2005...**/Qualifying for the A1 Grand Prix of Nations, Australia took place this afternoon at Eastern Creek Raceway with Basil Shaaban, driving for A1 Team Lebanon and taking 21<sup>st</sup> place grid position for the Sprint race tomorrow, the team's best qualifying performance to date.

In the first qualifying segment Shaaban acclimatised to the track conditions, running on used tyres. Putting on new tyres for the second run, Shaaban went back out on track and set his best time of the weekend. On the final two runs he consolidated his times.

Shaaban said after qualifying, "We've made a small step forward with an improvement in our qualifying performance. We definitely made some improvements to the car over the course of the weekend. My last run wasn't as quick as I would have liked. It was looking good in the first two sectors, but in the final sector we lost out a bit, which otherwise could have put us further forward, but I'm pleased that we've posted our best qualifying performance so far this season, and we need to keep improving as the season progresses."

Tony Snook, Team Principal summed up the team's performance so far this weekend, saying, "Each weekend we make steps forward. In Estoril, we improved our performance in the Feature race, and this weekend we've gained places in the qualifying session. Our strategy of running early in each qualifying segment has paid dividends for us here and I hope we can continue the momentum into the races tomorrow."

A1 Grand Prix is a new, unique concept in international motor racing, with the 12 race series featuring 25 national teams competing on an equal basis, racing identical cars with no electronic driver aids, leading to performance being determined by human bravery, skill and excellence. The Series will travel across five continents through the winter months, with visits including Europe, Australasia, South Africa, North and South America

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