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### **KV RACING TECHNOLOGY QUALIFIES THIRD AND SIXTH FOR TOMORROW'S PEAK ANTIFREEZE AND MOTOR OIL INDY GRAND PRIX OF SONOMA COUNTY**

SONOMA, CA – AUGUST 23, 2008 -- Round #15, 2008 IndyCar Series season – KV Racing Technology placed both cars in the Firestone Fast Six for the second consecutive race then drivers Will Power and Oriol Servia went on to qualify third and sixth respectively for tomorrow's Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma County at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California.

Power, KV Racing Technology #8 Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia Honda/Dallara/Firestone, making his first appearance on the 2.245-mile, 12-turn Infineon permanent road course, recorded a qualifying time of 77.0875 seconds (107.551 mph). He will lineup on the inside of Row #2. Servia, KV Racing Technology #5 Honda/Dallara/Firestone, also making his Sonoma debut, qualified with a lap of 77.8377 seconds (106.514 mph) and will start on the outside of Row #3.

"I am happy qualifying third," Power said. "The Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia car was good enough for pole, but I suffered a bit from a lack of traction. I never launched one lap properly so I was losing a lot of time by the first corner. Still, we are happy with third. It's a good place to start the race tomorrow."

Servia said, "KV Racing Technology was strong all qualifying, but that last session I just couldn't put a lap together. We had a great first two sessions, and I was really happy with the car. But at the end, we tried to change something to be a little more aggressive and it didn't work, plus the track got hotter and I just couldn't stay close. I think we had a chance to put in a good lap at the end, but I waited a little too long to get a gap and I didn't get to make a run. I'm happy that the car was good in the first two sessions and we're in good position for the race tomorrow."

This is the fourth time this season KVRT has qualified both cars in the top-10 (St. Petersburg, Milwaukee, Edmonton and Sonoma) and the third time on a road/street circuit. It is the second time, and the second in a row, in five road/street races that the team has placed both cars in the Firestone Fast Six, the final round of road and street race qualifying (they first did it at Edmonton). It is also the third time that each KVRT driver has individually made the final round of road/street course qualifying this season (Servia in Watkins Glen, Edmonton and Sonoma; Power, St. Petersburg, Edmonton and Sonoma).

Power's third place starting position is his second highest of the year and gives him six top-10 starting spots in 15 attempts this season. His best qualifying position is a team high second on the street circuit in St. Petersburg and his best oval starting spot is a team high fourth at Milwaukee. Servia has now qualified in the top-10 eight times in 15 races this season including a season high third in Edmonton and an oval high of ninth at Milwaukee.

Power started the day fourth on the speed charts after yesterday's twin practices with a time of 77.5851 seconds (106.861 mph). In this morning's practice, which was run in two groups, he went out with the second group of 13 cars and recorded the sixth fastest time in his session and the seventh quickest when the times from both groups were combined, recording a lap of 77.1096 seconds (107.520 mph). Servia, fourth fastest yesterday with a time of 77.4712 seconds (107.018 mph), went out with the first group this morning and ran the third fastest lap of his session and the ninth best overall posting a time of 77.2696 seconds (107.297 mph).

In Round #1 of qualifying, Servia again ran in Group #1 and recorded the fastest time with a lap of 77.1462 seconds (107.469 mph) to advance to Round #2. Shortly thereafter Power, in Group #2, also advanced when he also posted the fastest lap in his session, 76.9543 seconds (107.737). In Round #2, which featured the top-six drivers from each of the two groups from Round #1, Servia posted the fifth fastest lap, 76.8433 seconds (107.892 mph), while Power recorded the sixth fastest, 76.8946 seconds (107.820 mph). Since both finished the round in the top-six they advance to the final round, the Firestone Fast Six. In the finals, Servia ran his quick lap on the third of his six laps while Power posted his fast time on the third of his four laps.

KVRT, one of five teams transitioning from Champ Car to IndyCar, has shown throughout the season that they are very competitive on road and street circuits. With two of the final three races in the 2008 season on road (here at Sonoma) and street (next week in Detroit) circuits, the team is counting on these two events to give them the boost they need to fulfill their goal of placing both cars in the top-10 in the final standings.

Power, currently 13<sup>th</sup> in the championship race with 267 points, is 31 points out of 10<sup>th</sup> place and second in the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year race (31 behind Hideki Mutoh). The native of Australia has earned four top-10 finishes (three on road or street circuits), including two top-five showings (two on road/street) with one victory (Long Beach, street), in 14 races this year. Power, 27, in his fourth U.S. based open-wheel season, will be making his 45<sup>th</sup> career start and 35<sup>th</sup> on a road/street circuit tomorrow. He has earned 22 of his 23 career top-10 finishes, all 13 of his top-five showings, all seven podium performances, all three of his career victories (Las Vegas and Toronto, 2007 and Long Beach, 2008) and all six of his career poles on road/street circuits. His only top-10 oval finish occurred this year at Iowa where he placed ninth.

Servia, who has six top-10 finishes (four on road/street circuits) including four top-five showings (fifth's at Long Beach, Richmond, Mid-Ohio and Edmonton) in the 14 races contested this year, is tied for eighth in the points with 298, but sits 10<sup>th</sup> in the standings due to tiebreakers. He is the highest ranked of the drivers transitioning from Champ Car to the IndyCar Series this year. The 34-year-old Spaniard, in his ninth season, but first in IndyCar, is not considered a rookie because of his extensive oval experience. Servia will be making his 140<sup>th</sup>

career start and 104<sup>th</sup> on a road/street circuit tomorrow. He has earned 59 of his 76 career top-10 finishes, 28 of his 38 top-five showings and 13 of his 16 podiums on road or street circuits. Serbia's only career victory came on the road course in Montreal, Canada, 2005, and his only pole on the streets of Surfers Paradise, Australia, 2005.

The Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil Grand Prix of Sonoma County will be held tomorrow, Sunday, August 24. The race will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at 5:30 p.m. ET.