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NUCLEAR CLEAN AIR ENERGY CAR FINISHES 9TH FOR OPENING RACE IN MIAMI

March 10, 2010 (Mundelein, IL) - Making their first race appearance last weekend in the GRAND-AM Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 race in the #68 Nuclear Clean Air Energy/Entergy/Newman Wachs Racing/MAZDASPEED Mazda RX-8 were drivers John Edwards and Adam Christodoulou.

Edwards started the race 3rd on the grid for the 2 hour and 45 minute race after an impressive first-ever qualifying run on the series for this new team. The tag-team racing duo of Christodoulou and Edwards would keep the car running with the leading pack until a tire puncture sent the car into the pits for an unscheduled stop. The drivers took home a 9th place finish in their Rolex Series debut. While it wasn't quite the desired result, the pair showed they have the speed to contend for podium finishes.



Edwards, just shy of his 19th birthday (March 11) won the 2009 Atlantic Championship with Newman Wachs Racing. Christodoulou, at just 20, won the 2009 Star Mazda Championship. Both of these drivers have earned their places on the team based on their past successes and partnership with the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development ladder program which promotes young drivers within the Mazda family.

John Edwards:

"In qualifying, I was really pleased to be in the top three, although it was gut-wrenching to not get the front row since you're so close to it. At the same time, it is a learning curve for Adam and me, but I think we have the best people teaching us how to race with success in this new series."

Adam Christodoulou:

"I'm happy that we have the first race over and out of the way. Now I know where we need to improve for the rest of the season. I'm sure we'll get everything sorted and give it our best shot for the next race at Barber in Birmingham. John and I are the new kids on the block and we'll keep learning through the entire season."

In addition to the partnership with Mazda, 2010 marks the 3rd year of support from Entergy and the nuclear energy industry. Using the highly visible motorsports platform to promote the benefits of nuclear energy as a source of carbon-free electricity is a perfect fit in the GRAND-AM community.

The next race for the GRAND-AM Rolex Series will be the April 10 Porsche 250 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama.

Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, has annual revenues of more than \$13 billion and approximately 14,700 employees. Entergy is the second-largest nuclear generator in North America and safely operates plants that provide power in Arkansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York and Vermont. www.entergy-nuclear.com

About MAZDA

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Newman Wachs Racing was founded by Eddie Wachs along with the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman. Wachs is a veteran racer, prominent motorsport figure, and entrepreneurial business owner. Based just outside Chicago, NWR is in its fifth season of competition. The team is supported by *MAZDASPEED*, along with Entergy Corporation. In its five successful years of competition, NWR has earned 10 victories, 22 podium finishes, 31 top-fives and 7 pole positions.

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