



## **STARWORKS MOTORSPORT READY TO RACE AT HOME WITH NEW “DREAM TEAM” AND TWO DINAN-BMW RILEY DPS!**

**Fort Lauderdale, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – The Starworks Motorsport team, led by GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 veteran Peter Baron, is prepared for the Grand Prix of Miami at Homestead-Miami Speedway on March 6, with two Daytona Prototypes and two new driver lineups.

The Grand Prix of Miami is the home race for the team, which is based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., only half an hour away from the racetrack. Starworks Motorsport recently competed in the 48th Rolex 24 At Daytona, but considers this event the start of the 2010 Rolex Series season.

“Not only is this a home race for the team, it's a home race for our main sponsor, Xtreme Indoor Karting. It's also the main launch of the team,” announced team owner Peter Baron. “This program came together only days before the January Test at Daytona. We all had the attitude ‘let's do the best we can for the 24 with limited time we have’.

“We all felt our season would officially begin at the Homestead event. I think everyone on the team feels this is the start of the season for us. I'm proud of all the efforts each member of the team, has put in. After Homestead 2009, I had one car, one transporter, and one crew, and Bill Lester and Ryan Dalziel working with me to put together a program. There were times over the past 5 months that working at Starbucks looked like a much better opportunity. But to show up with two Dinan-BMW Rileys with updated bodywork, with great sponsors, crew, and drivers still seems like a bit of a dream. I'm happy we will get to do it in front of all the right people. With all this going on, there is no lack of motivation from anyone on the team.”

Starworks Motorsport has hired a strong driver lineup for the 2010 season. Former NASCAR driver, Bill Lester, one of the most accomplished African American drivers in the world, will co-drive the No. 7 Starworks Motorsport Dinan-BMW Riley with Ian James. James has competed in both Rolex Series classes – Daytona Prototype and Grand Touring (GT) since 2001



and is one of the few drivers to have won in all four of the current GRAND-AM categories.

2010 Rolex 24 At Daytona champion, Ryan Dalziel, will co-drive the No. 8 Starworks Motorsport Dinan-BMW Riley with Mike Forest.

Baron, whose team is the last BMW-powered team to have won a Daytona Prototype race, has assembled a “dream team” since the Rolex 24 with a roster that includes some of the most talented engineering staff and technicians in endurance racing. He is leading the Starworks Motorsport team with one of his key hires, Bill Riley, from Riley Technologies as the team’s race engineer. In addition, Simon Morley, former Michael Schumacher F1 chief mechanic, joined as team manager, bringing with him the experience of winning championships in both Formula One and Indy Car.

“Post Daytona we had a car with immense damage. The only piece of bodywork that was not destroyed on the car was the right door,” said Baron. “The car had to be stripped of every nut and bolt, including the floor. It had to go back to Riley for some work on the jig, and to receive a new floor. We did not see this car until the Friday afternoon five days before it had to go in the trailer to Homestead. That wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for the fact that we received our second car, which last ran in 2008 and needed a complete ground-up rebuild, only two weeks before the event. Needless to say, Simon Morley and the guys have worked non-stop to make this happen. I'm quite proud of the quality and quantity of work the crew turned out, while keeping in good spirits,” said Baron.

On the corporate sponsor side, Starworks Motorsport is sponsored by Corsa Car care, Xtreme Indoor Karting, IPO Solutions, Braman Motorcars, North American Electronic Display, Dynacor Media, Creative Carrot Studios and Guarneros Racing Wear.

“Our goal for the season is simple; win as many races as possible. We are not worried about championship points, or playing it safe. We are going to judge our season by the amount of hardware we add to the trophy cabinet. We want to be a threat to win every time out, and we feel we have all the necessary engineers, crew, drivers and equipment to do so,” said Baron.



## STARWORKS MOTORSPORT DRIVER QUOTES

**BILL LESTER: DRIVER #7:** “Frankly, my feelings about Miami are somewhat bittersweet. While I ran there last year in the open Grand-Am test, I did not race there at the end of the year. So the track is not as fresh in my mind as I would like it to be. However, I'm sure that as soon as I get a few laps under my belt I'll be fine. I'm just looking forward to getting behind the wheel again. Although it was only last month, it seems like Daytona was an eternity ago.

I look forward to having Ian as my co-driver. He brings a wealth of experience to the team and has worked with Peter Baron's organization in the past. We hit it off quite well personally at Daytona and I expect that chemistry to continue as we get to know each other better throughout the year. I like the fact that Ian is just as hungry as I am for results and is also just as eager to get the bulk of this season underway. So let's get to it!”

**IAN JAMES: DRIVER #7:** "I feel great to be back working with Peter Baron. I last drove for Peter in 2006 and in my first race with him we scored a podium finish. This year I look forward to more of the same. I am pleased to co-drive with Bill Lester and join Starworks Motorsport. With the engineering department headed by Bill Riley and the talented group of individuals the team has, we should be contenders at every race. It is always exciting to return to Miami and with a full field of Rolex Series cars the Homestead oval will be busy with lots of overtaking and Bill and I are ready to take the fight to the established teams".

**RYAN DALZIEL: DRIVER #8:** "I really can't wait to get behind the wheel of the Starworks car and work with Peter Baron again. I knew that the #8 Riley-BMW would be very competitive and I hope to take the momentum from my recent Rolex 24 At Daytona victory to Homestead. Mike and I have become good friends over the past few months and we are both very much looking forward to getting to Miami-Homestead. I know we will work well together and get the Starworks Motorsport car up front."

**MIKE FOREST: DRIVER #8:** “I am very much looking forward to running with Ryan but quite frankly I knew he was a great driver before he won the Rolex 24. It was tremendous to see him win it. Hopefully he brings that winning way with him and he will have success in the #8 car. It may take a



race or two for the team to gel but I believe we have all the right pieces & people in place to win races this year”.