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**BREMBO BRAKES DOMINATE THE GRID
AT THE FIRST 2012 IZOD INDYCAR SERIES RACE
HONDA GRAND PRIX OF ST. PETERSBURG**

ST. PETERSBURG, FL., March 23, 2012 – Brembo brakes dominate the grid at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg this weekend as the Italian manufacturer of high-performance brakes has been chosen to be the **exclusive supplier** of brake systems for the new IZOD IndyCar Series car for the next four years.

Brembo's design of the new brake system is based on IndyCar's requirements for a reliable, strong, yet lightweight, system, that yields high performance at a competitive cost. Unlike previous years, the same brake system will be used by all teams for both ovals and road courses.

Brembo has engineered a **6-piston, monobloc aluminum caliper machined from billet** with titanium-radiated pistons (28/30/36 mm) weighing a mere 2 kg. The system will be used on all corners of the new Dallara chassis. Brembo's 6-piston caliper will increase stiffness and performance of the system without compromising IndyCar's weight requirements.

This new innovative system will incorporate lightweight **CER200 carbon-carbon discs** (328mm x 30mm), similar to rotors used in Formula 1 and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and **CCR400 carbon pads**. During testing the carbon-carbon discs typically reached 900 C but can support temperatures as high as 1200 C (in F1). The teams will be able to optimize the consumption of brakes for the season by utilizing these long-lasting components. Interestingly, it takes 150 days to manufacture one disc.

Brembo's recent motorsports success has created great expectations for all Brembo teams this season as Audi claimed the overall victory in the 60th annual 12 Hours of Sebring (and the first round of the World Endurance Championship) last weekend while the Brembo equipped Porsche swept the GT podium at the Rolex 24 at Daytona in January.

Brembo supplied its first racing brake system to Ferrari in 1975 in the Formula One World Championship, while its history with open-wheel racing in America started in 1989 in the CART IndyCar championship. Since then, the Italian company has invested heavily in research and development of highly innovative and technological products, offering high performance, while guaranteeing maximum reliability and safety.

Brembo is a world leader and acknowledged innovator of disc brake technology for automotive vehicles, with USD1.5 billion in revenues. Brembo supplies high-performance brake systems for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles and motorbikes worldwide. Brembo also manufactures clutches, seats, seat belts and other components specifically designed for racing and is a leader in motorsports with more than 200 championship wins. Today the company operates in 15 countries on 3 continents with 35 production and business sites with a staff of 6,700 employees, about 10% of whom are engineering and product R&D specialists.

Brembo sells its products under the following brands: Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini, Sabelt and AP Racing.

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