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MOTOGP 2012

**Brembo confirms leader status as supplier of brake systems to MotoGP teams
All the official teams competing in the 2012 season use Brembo brakes, and 75 of
the 86 riders registered to race have selected the Italian company's products**

Stezzano, April 2012 - The 2012 international motorcycle racing season sees Brembo well placed — as ever — for further success. The company will be supplier to the majority of teams competing in MotoGP and Moto2, and in the new Moto3 class, which replaces the former 125.

No less than 18 of the 21 riders entered for the MotoGP Championship have Brembo systems fitted to their machines. These include the bikes of the three Manufacturers Association teams involved, namely Honda, with reigning World Champion Casey Stoner, Ducati and Yamaha.

Elsewhere, 29 of the 33 riders in the Moto2 class have Brembo brakes, and 28 of the 32 riders racing in Moto3 will also be relying on the performance of Brembo systems.

Looking to strengthen its leader status acquired in recent years, Brembo continued to research and develop components during the winter. In reality, this work has also been necessary in order to ensure compliance with the new technical regulations introduced by the Federation: first and foremost the increased engine displacement, reverting from 800 cc to 1000 cc. The bikes are now heavier, but with upgraded performance and a higher top speed, which means that Brembo has had to come up with a brake system capable of meeting these new demands.

The design and testing program began during the 2011 championship and continued through the winter, with the new regulations particularly in mind. Development of the system has been held up to a degree by the severity of the new regulations, which impose a limit of 320 mm in disc diameter; but Brembo engineers have made important progress nonetheless, with new calipers offering even better rigidity and performance.

At the same time, a system has been developed and set up specifically for the "Claiming Rule Team (CRT)" class, a new category added to the MotoGP calendar for privateers running machines equipped with race-modified standard production engines, rather than prototypes, hence with typically lower operating costs.

The 2012 Championship starts 8 April at the Losail circuit in Qatar and will be contested over 18 races, concluding 11 November in Spain at the Ricardo Tormo racetrack, Valencia.



Brembo will supply the following MotoGP teams and riders during 2012:

Repsol Honda Team	Honda RC213V Casey Stoner (1)	Dani Pedrosa (26)
Monster Yamaha Tech 3	Yamaha YZR-M1 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	Cal Crutchlow (35)
Pramac Racing Team	Ducati Desmosedici GP12 Héctor Barberá (8)	
Yamaha Factory Racing	Yamaha YZR-M1 Ben Spies (11)	Jorge Lorenzo (99)
Cardion AB Motoracing	Ducati Desmosedici GP12 Karel Abraham (17)	
Ducati Team	Ducati Desmosedici GP12 Valentino Rossi (46)	Nicky Hayden (69)
NGM Mobile Forward Racing	Suter (CRT*) Colin Edwards (5)	
Came Ioda Racing Project	Ioda (CRT*) Danilo Petrucci (9)	
Power Electronics Aspar	Art (CRT*) Randy de Puniet (14)	Alex Espargaro (41)
Avintia Racing MotoGP	Bqr-Frt (CRT*) Ivan Silva (22)	Yonny Hernandez (68)
Speed Master	Art (CRT*) Mattia Pasini (54)	
Paul Bird Motorsport	Art (CRT*) James Ellison (77)	



Marchesini forged magnesium wheels on the bikes of World Champions

Brembo also owns the brand name of Marchesini, a company specializing in the design and production of hi-tech forged magnesium wheels fitted to many race-winning MotoGP bikes. Last year, Casey Stoner won the MotoGP Championship on a machine equipped with wheels made by the Italian company.

Once again this year, Marchesini wheels will be fitted to bikes raced by the majority of teams competing in MotoGP, including the Ducati and Honda factory machines. Eight of the riders will be using forged magnesium wheels, designed and manufactured to adapt with maximum advantage to the characteristics of their particular bikes. In effect, the wheels used by Honda, Ducati and ART all have the same 7-spoke design, but with different and distinctive specifications for each model of machine.

The Moto2 category this year will see the introduction of engineering developments delivering improved performance and reliability of the wheels.

And in the Moto3 class, five of the riders will be using Marchesini forged magnesium wheels of a 10-spoke design. This brand new product will be instrumental in achieving higher performance thanks to a new flexible coupling system designed to optimize the power output of the Moto3 four-stroke engine.

Brembo SpA

Brembo SpA is an acknowledged world leader and innovator in the field of automotive disc brake technology. The company supplies high performance braking systems to the premier makers of automobiles, motorbikes and commercial vehicles worldwide, as well as clutches, seats, seat belts and other components for the racing sector only. The name of Brembo also has unrivalled prestige in motorsport, with 200 world championship titles won to date in the role of OE supplier. The company operates currently in 15 countries on 3 continents, with 35 production and business sites and a pool of human resources numbering over 6700. Around 10% of the workforce is made up of engineering staff and product specialists working in R&D. Sales turnover in 2011 amounted to 1.255 million euros. Brembo is owner of the Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini and Sabelt brands, and operates also through the AP Racing brand.

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