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TANNER WHITTEN PROMOTED TO SUPERCARS WITH SH RALLYCROSS/DRR FOR RED BULL GLOBAL RALLYCROSS LOS ANGELES

**WILL FILL-IN FOR NELSON PIQUET JR. AND BECOME FIRST LITES
DRIVER PROMOTED TO FULL-TIME SUPERCAR TEAM IN SAME SEASON**

INDIANAPOLIS (October 4, 2016) – SH Rallycross/DRR announced today that Red Bull Global Rallycross Lites driver Tanner Whitten will be promoted to drive in the RBGRC Supercar division this weekend for both season-ending events at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro, CA.

Whitten, 23, will fill-in for Nelson Piquet Jr. and pilot the #07 WIX Filters Ford Fiesta ST for SH Rallycross/DRR on October 8, and the #07 MetRX Ford Fiesta ST on October 9. A native of Illinois, Whitten will become the first GRC Lites driver to be promoted to a full-time Supercar team in the same season that he ran in Lites.

“We are pleased to announce that Tanner will be driving the SH Rallycross/DRR car in Los Angeles,” said Dennis Reinbold, co-owner of SH Rallycross/DRR. “The opportunity presented itself with Nelson having a Formula E conflict, and we felt this was the perfect opportunity to promote a young, deserving driver up to Super Cars. We look forward to a successful weekend for both the team and our sponsors, WIX Filters and MET-Rx.”

One of the inaugural Red Bull Global Rallycross Lites test drivers in 2012, Whitten has had an impressive Lites career. He made his RBGRC Lites debut in 2015 making 12 starts finishing on the podium three times with one win and five heat race victories and a top-five spot in the standings. For 2016, he responded by earning three more podiums including a win, seven heat race victories and three straight poles. During his Lites career, Whitten has made a total of 16 starts with six podium performances including two finals wins and 12 heat victories.

“I want to thank everyone in the SH Rallycross/DRR organization for this opportunity,” said Whitten. “It is an honor to be working with the team for the season finale. Los Angeles is an amazing location to make my Supercar debut and I feel humbled to be competing at the highest level of the sport.”

About SH Rallycross/DRR



SH Rallycross/DRR is in its fourth season of Red Bull Global Rallycross competition and third full season (ran the X Games Los Angeles in 2013). The team is led by James “Sulli” Sullivan, Dennis Reinbold and Jimmy Vasser and fields a Ford Fiesta ST in the 2016 Red Bull Global Rallycross Championship. SH Rallycross/DRR has finished fourth in the championship standings the last two seasons. In 2015, the team had its best year scoring four podium performances, including a win in Washington D. C. and was the only Red Bull Global Rallycross SuperCar team to make every main (final) event. SH Racing also competes in the Verizon IndyCar Series as co-owner of KVSH Racing with four time champion driver Sebastien Bourdais. DRR also entered a car at the 2016 Indy 500.

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