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TRIAL TEAM

In the outdoor World Trial Championship and the indoor and outdoor Spanish Championships

MARC FREIXA RETURNS TO GAS GAS WITH THE "GRO-NON STOP BIKES" TEAM

Salt, Girona, 24 January 2008 – The 2008 season will see the debut of the private "GRO-Non Stop Bikes" team in the outdoor World Trial Championship and in the indoor and outdoor Spanish Championships. This team, officially supported by GAS GAS Motos, will count on Marc Freixa as their rider, the young man from Sant Pere de Torelló who, after 11 active seasons in international trial, is returning to the company that marked his start as a rider and where he was a works rider between the 1997 and 2000 seasons.



With the total support and implication of Global Racing Oil (GRO), Non Stop Bikes becomes the first private formation to be run under the GAS GAS structure with on-race assistance, parts and a totally works bike. Marc Freixa will ride a TXT 300 Raga Racing, a bike that features a featherweight figure (69 kilograms) and the uncontested reliability that has taken Adam Raga to collect six world crowns.

Marc Freixa, rider: *"I am very happy before this season, a unique opportunity to prove that, with my experience and riding the best trial bike, I can still be among the best. I don't feel the pressure because with my new team I have nothing to lose, but there's a lot to be won. Physically I am really strong and mentally this new start has given me a spectacular extra motivation. The combination of a motivated rider and a winning bike can only give good results. Furthermore, we must not forget that I can also be good help for Adam Raga in his fight for the world title, as well as contribute to the manufacturers' title for GAS GAS."*

Marc Arañó, the man in charge of Marketing in GAS GAS: *"From GAS GAS we have always promoted the sports of trial and enduro, by supporting initiatives that can promote off-road motorcycling. Now we are betting on the "GRO-Non Stop Bikes" and their rider Marc Freixa, who we will support as a works rider by giving him the same material as Adam Raga, so we will have two excellent riders both in the World and the Spanish Championships."*

Javier Brugarolas, manager, Global Racing Oil: *"For GRO, being the main sponsor of this team is a bet on the future that will be significant in positioning ourselves definitely in the two-wheel off-road market, both in competition, where we are already present as sponsors of GAS GAS Motos and now with Non Stop Bikes, and in the commercial level. We believe that Marc Freixa will have a good season counting on the best material in the market, and that Adam Raga will return to the leading*

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Óscar Alonso, in charge of “Non Stop Bikes”: *“In our debut year in the World and Spanish Championships we count on the total implication of a pioneer works structure such as GAS GAS and on a highly motivated Marc Freixa, so we expect to be in the spotlight on many occasions. Our aim is to finish the World Championship in the top five, and on the podium in the indoor and outdoor Spanish Championships. We will also be present in long events such as Santigosa or Arinsal. The programme is complete and ambitious, but we count on the sponsorship of GRO and the total support of GAS GAS, and that gives us reassurance and satisfaction.”*

Marc Freixa will be assisted by 24-year-old Josep Campàs as his minder, *“a young man I have good feeling with, and I am sure we will be able to have one of our best campaigns,”* comments the rider. Non Stop Bikes, a shop and workshop 100% specialised in trial, has its headquarters in Tona, Barcelona, while Global Racing Oil offers the most extensive range of lubricants, recommended by GAS GAS in all their products.

Carla Calderer, also with GAS GAS



The rider from Lleida Carla Calderer, in her fifth season as a member of the Spanish Trial Team, is starting a new season with an alliance with GAS GAS, also in the “Non Stop Bikes” team. In total, this 19-year-old rider will compete in 30 events divided between World, European, Spanish and Catalan ladies’ cups, also competing in the Trial des Nations and in the Spanish and regional overall Master categories

Calderer is presently the runner-up in the Spanish Ladies’ Cup and was seventh in the overall Senior C class in 2007, and fourth in the teams’ classification in the Trial des Nations last year. She was also awarded Lleida’s trophy to the Best Female Sportsperson.

Carla Calderer is trained by Pau Xarau in her birthplace Sant Llorenç de Morunys, and is *“very happy with our agreement with GAS GAS, which will allow me to fight with total guarantee in all the series I will tackle this year.”* Calderer will ride a GG TXT Pro 250 and will be a semi-works rider for GAS GAS..

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