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In preparation for the 2011 motorsports season ...

Benjamin Distaulo Takes the Helm of the Lombardi Honda Racing Team!

Montreal (Quebec), December 9, 2010.- **2009 and 2010 Canadian Touring Car Champion, Lombardi Honda Racing is already looking ahead to the 2011 season and is happy to announce Benjamin Distaulo's appointment as manager of the racing team. Benjamin Distaulo, who competed in open wheel in the 1990's and in different sedan series in recent seasons (2008 Echo Cup Runner-up and eighth in the 2010 Canadian Touring Car Championship with Lombardi Honda Racing), now takes the helm of the team, replacing Tony Lombardi, who will remain as team owner.**

« Being involved in professional-level motorsports, with three Honda Civic Si's in the Canadian Touring Car Championship as we did in 2009 and 2010, is something very important that requires a lot of time. This was no longer compatible with my other professional obligations » mentions Tony Lombardi, who adds: « Lombardi Honda has offered the position of Team manager to Benjamin Distaulo, which includes overseeing all of the "race operations " and gives him the authority to decide amongst the driver options that are available to our team for 2011. Benjamin is not only an excellent driver but he has also demonstrated that he is capable to successfully manage a team with Distaulo Racing, which has evolved in the provincial championship and in the Touring class of the 2010 Canadian Championship » adds the Lombardi Honda owner.

Benjamin Distaulo is happy with the appointment, even if it could mean taking a hiatus from driving one of the Super Touring Honda Civic Si's in competition in the near future: « getting behind the wheel in 2011 is not out of the question but my Lombardi Honda Racing team managerial position takes priority » confides Benjamin Distaulo. « I'm being presented with a good challenge and I would like to thank Tony Lombardi for his confidence » he adds.

In addition to being one of the Lombardi Honda Racing team drivers in 2010, Benjamin Distaulo also launched his own racing team, which was immediately successful as their regular driver Michel Dulong was crowned Québec GT4 champion at the wheel of an Acura. The team also took part in some rounds of the Canadian Touring Car Championship with a Touring class Honda Civic.

Lombardi Honda Racing claimed the 2010 Canadian Touring Car Championship with regular drivers Nick Witmer (driver's champion) and Benjamin Distaulo. They would like to wish season's greetings and thank the following partners for the role they played in the team's success: Lombardi Honda, Trim Line Montréal, Discount, Pole-Position Magazine, Distaulo Racing (Puma), Perry Auto Parts, Gulf and Pneu Nicoletti. Thank you also goes to all of the team's fans and to the people involved in Canadian and Quebec motorsport.

All information regarding the Lombardi Honda dealership is available on the site www.lombardihonda.com. For more information on the racing team, visit the site www.lombardiracing.com or go to the Lombardi Honda Racing page on Facebook or to Youtube for team videos.

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PICTURED:

Benjamin Distaulo, in action at the wheel of his Honda Civic Si during the 2010 season.



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