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No Relaxing At This Spa

Shaun Juniper, joint managing director of the Juniper Development Group won't have any time to relax when he heads to SPA-Francorchamps, Belgium for the Circuit De Spa Total 24 SPA endurance race held over July 31st to 3rd August 2008.

Drivers Max Twigg, Craig Baird and Rodney Forbes will join Shaun to complete the Juniper Racing Team which is racing for the first time at the prestigious SPA event.

Set amongst the magnificent scenery of the Ardennes, the 7 kilometre track is considered one of the most challenging race tracks in the world where speeds of up to 330km/h can be reached. As a result, SPA is a favourite circuit for many drivers and fans, its fast, hilly and twisty form ensures there is never a dull moment.

"I've heard a lot about the SPA track and I'm really excited about getting behind the wheel again and experiencing it for myself. Driver skill is paramount when it comes to all racing circuits, but SPA probably demands this more so than any other track in the world," said Shaun.

The team will make their debut at SPA in a brand new 2008 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (type 997) one of only two exclusive hand-built race cars to make it to the shores of Australia. Aerodynamic upgrades, and a more optimised suspension, together with a new sequential gearbox are just some of the improvements for this supreme racing 911.

The 2008 GT3 RSR has a new front end and the most distinctive features are the 'flicks', which are additional spoilers on the front bumper. Newly designed side air outlets produce more down force reducing drag, and improvements to the rear suspension setup allows more adjustability and superior grip.

A totally new gearbox, derived from the RS Spyder, has been developed in-house by Porsche engineers. The sequential six-speed unit is considerably lighter than its predecessor and internal friction is also substantially reduced. The flat angle of the drive shafts allows for a wider range of suspension set-ups further adding to the developments of the 2008 GT3 RSR.

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Only 35 of these racing beasts are being produced by Porsche at an ex-factory cost of around AUS \$700,000.

The team will compete again next in the Merdeka Millennium to be held in August 2008 in Sepang Malaysia.

The latest project for the Juniper Development Group is 'Soul' at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. The \$850 million, 77 level residential tower is believed to be the largest, private single-tower construction project ever awarded in Australia.

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