

Hampton, Ga. (September 2, 2010) – Adding another esteemed partner to their 2010 sponsorship lineup, Germain Racing's No. 15 Toyota Camry driven by Michael Annett will feature primary sponsorship from Valvoline this weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway. As a leading provider of automotive lubricants, Valvoline came on board as a sponsor of the team after a partnership with Germain Racing and Germain Motor Company was formed in June.

"Valvoline is very excited to be associated with Germain Racing and the Germain Motor Company," said John Scanlon, Valvoline's director of national accounts. "We have been impressed with Bob and Steve Germain's commitment to excellence and we are looking forward to a long relationship."

Annett reiterated that sentiment and noted Valvoline's strong stance in the sport of racing and great presence in the consumer market, "Valvoline has a great reputation on the race track and on the highways across America, so having them on board as a partner means a great deal.

Our organization has support from several valued businesses and we're excited about adding another respected sponsor to our program. I look forward to driving the red, white and blue No. 15 Valvoline Toyota at Atlanta and giving Valvoline and Germain Racing a great finish this weekend."

With only 10 races left in the 2010 season, Annett stands 12th in the Nationwide Series points race with only 77 points separating him from the top-10. Working to score another strong finish at Atlanta after earning a 14th place finish and being awarded Rookie of the Race in his only start there in the 2009 Nationwide Series event, Annett hopes his skill on mile and a half tracks

paired with the Germain Racing organization's reputation for having a strong intermediate track program proves successful.

Nationwide Series cars hit the track at Atlanta Motor Speedway for a one day show on Saturday beginning with practice at 8 a.m. with final practice following at 9:30 a.m. Qualifying will kick off at 2:40 p.m. with live coverage airing on SPEED starting at 2:30 p.m. The green flag waves for the Nationwide Series Great Clips 300 at 7 p.m. Watch a live broadcast on ESPN 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All times are ET.

For more information on Michael Annett and Germain Racing's No. 15 Nationwide Series team, check out www.MichaelAnnett.com and www.GermainRacing.com. Get live updates on Twitter @MichaelAnnett.

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