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## Andretti Rebounds for Third in A1GP Sepang Feature After Big Crash in Sprint Race

**SEPANG, Malaysia (Nov. 23, 2008)** – A1 Team USA driver Marco Andretti was involved in a race-ending crash at the start of the Sprint race, but rebounded to record a third-place finish in the Feature race during round three of the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport in Sepang, Malaysia.

Andretti started 12<sup>th</sup> in the Sprint, but encountered problems immediately at the start. As the tightly-packed field was preparing for the rolling start, Andretti ran into the back of Narain Karthikeyan's Indian machine, flying over the top of his car, landing on the other side and tearing off a wheel. Brazil's Felipe Guimaraes also careered into the damaged Indian car, before nearly getting airborne, as well. The race was immediately red-flagged and Andretti's race was over.

Taking advantage of the time between the two events and the assistance of Team Korea, which provided a rear wing to Team USA, the necessary repairs were made and Andretti prepared for the Feature. Andretti, who started eighth, steadily ascended in the standings and ran fourth after the completion of the first pit window. A lap-17 pit miscue by Team Malaysia then allowed Andretti to grab another position and he held that spot to the end, netting his first A1GP podium finish.

A1 Team USA now stands 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2008/09 A1GP World Cup of Motorsport standings heading into round four. The next event is slated for Jan. 23-25, 2009, in Taupo, New Zealand.

**Marco Andretti, Andretti Green A1, A1 Team USA:**

(ON THE SPRINT RACE INCIDENT) "You can say its unavoidable but at the time I thought everyone was going and I could only see two rows ahead of me. I couldn't see ahead of the whole field. I was about to grab fourth gear, and as soon as rear tires were hooking up, that was needed to stop the car. There was no hope. In the States you either go or you don't. Here, they went and then stopped. No one was to blame, it was just racing. But ultimately I crashed out two cars."

(ON FINISHING THIRD IN THE FEATURE) "The start was a bit of survival and I used the PowerBoost when everybody was close together and we needed the track position. The boys did a good job in the pits and then we weren't threatened from behind, but I had nothing on these guys in front so I was just enjoying the car and Sepang. It's a great circuit."

<b>A1GP Sepang Race Results</b>					
<b>Sprint Race</b>			<b>Feature Race</b>		
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Laps</b>
1	Switzerland	11	1	Ireland	34
2	France	11	2	Portugal	34
3	New Zealand	11	<b>3</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>34</b>
4	Portugal	11	4	Australia	34
5	Ireland	11	5	South Africa	34
<b>19</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>0</b>			

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