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Braselton, Georgia – West Race Cars Wins the 2006 IMSA Lites Manufacturer’s Championship for the IMSA Lites 2 Category.

With a record 9 out of 10 wins in the Lites 2 category West Races cars dominated the inaugural 2006 IMSA Lites Championship season. The 9th running of the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta was the setting for the final IMSA Lites Championship event supporting the American Le Mans Series for its’ Petit Le Mans event.



West customer Dan McBreen clinched the Lites 2 Driver’s Championship in race one with a second place finish. McBreen recorded a total 4 wins and 3 second place finishes earning the best overall record of the IMSA Lites 2 field for the season.

West factory driver Duncan Ende led the race through lap 15 but retired early with gearbox problems. In race two however Ende dominated the 20 lap sprint recording the fastest lap for the weekend with a time of 1:25.42. Ende completed his IMSA Lites season with a near perfect record of 5 wins out of 6 events entered. West Race Cars completed the IMSA Lites championship with a record 9 out of 10 wins for its’ WR1000 Lites 2 cars.

“This has been the most successful period in the 5 year history of the company,” said West Executive Director Ted Spooner. “Not only have we grown and developed IMSA Lites with our partners at Elan and IMSA, but we’ve also opened new markets for the sports-racer category with our success in Australia. This success is the result of the creativity and dedication of our valued employees. I’d like to especially thank both Leo Matthews and John Bender for their efforts in developing our products to the winning standard we see today.”

Tim Mayer – IMSA Chief Operating Officer, “We look forward to a continued strong partnership with West for the expanded 2007 IMSA Lites season. The West team has delivered not only highly competitive cars to the Lites 2 category but quality teams and drivers.”

“We want to thank all our partner teams and suppliers that helped make this inaugural IMSA Lites season such a huge success,” remarked West President Ben Odenborg. “With the support of Jon Batos at Formula Motorsports, Rob Muzzy of Muzzy Performance Products, Kawasaki of America, Quaife Engineering, Swift Engineering, Kit Composites and all our valued suppliers we have created a truly winning team.

West is the championship-winning constructor of sports racing prototypes. With over 80 SCCA National and Regional wins and three SCCA National Championships in factory and customer racecars, West is the premier constructor of sports prototype racecars. For 2006 through 2011 West has been selected as one of two constructors providing racecars to the International Motor Sports Association’s Sports Racer Championship – IMSA Lites. This historic prototype racing support series has been restored after a 13 year hiatus to support the American Le Mans series, the premier Prototype and GT endurance racing series in the world.

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