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**OH CANADA! SALEEN HOPEFUL THAT TRIP NORTH
WILL LEAD TO MORE ALMS SUCCESS**

BOWMANVILLE, Ontario, Aug. 15, 2001 – In the past two American Le Mans Series (ALMS) events, **Konrad/Team Saleen** has admittedly met with some unexpected challenges in its march toward a championship title. At both Sears Point and then Portland, unforeseen troubles sidelined the team's effort to add to the potent Saleen S7R's remarkable total of 14 victories in the first half of its debut race season. Despite the setbacks, the team is confident its luck will change this weekend with a trip outside the comfortable confines of the U.S. border.

In its only appearance on Canadian soil this year, the **#26 BASF Saleen S7R** will be taking part in the **Gran Turismo 3 Grand Prix of Mosport**, held on the twisting 2.45-mile, 10-turn Mosport International Raceway located just east of Toronto. The race, which will be televised nationally in the United States on **NBC Sports**, will air on **Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 pm EDT**. Fans can listen to live coverage of the race online through the American Le Mans Series Radio Web at www.americanlemans.com.

For Konrad/Team Saleen and drivers Franz Konrad and Terry Borcheller, the objective for the event is simple – find the consistency the team enjoyed all season in posting earlier wins in the ALMS and European Le Mans (ELMS)– including the class title at the prestigious 12 Hours of Sebring. After returning home from an inspirational podium finish at June's legendary **24 Hours of Le Mans**, the team went into the third round of the ALMS championship at Sears Point with confidence, only to have extensive Goodyear tire trouble after claiming the GTS-class pole in dominating fashion. The team's appearance at Portland two weeks later reconfirmed their speed by once again taking an early race lead and setting the fastest lap, only to have the engine expire due to faulty work from an outside contracted machine shop.

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"A cornerstone of the Saleen organization is to take setbacks like we've recently experienced and make them a motivation to make our motorsports programs stronger," explained Steve Saleen. "The Konrad/Team Saleen effort as a whole has done an excellent job in preparing for each race and showing up with a lot of speed. Unfortunately, you can't always control outside factors like tires and machine work, but you have to remember these are areas we haven't really experienced problems with in the past. We look forward to getting back on track at Mosport."

The **Fordah/Team Saleen S7R** customer car of Grand American GTS class leaders Chris Bingham and Ron Johnson are leading the way in the Rolex Series, with a resounding class victory at last week's endurance at Watkins Glen, their sixth win of the season. Along with Konrad/Team Saleen, **Ray Mallock Ltd. (RML)**, Saleen's technical partner in England, is also dominating the ELMS with a Saleen S7R. Between them, RML and Konrad have won all four rounds of the ELMS, including this month's race at Most, Czech Republic.

Konrad/Team Saleen is sponsored by the Automotive Refinish and OE Coatings & Colorants divisions of BASF; Exide Technologies, manufacturers of the world's leading spiral-wound lead-acid battery, the Exide Select Orbital; Borla Performance Industry; and Hella.

Saleen facilities include total research, engineering, design and assembly capability. Since the company's inception in 1984, Saleen has produced over 8,000 vehicles, more than any other specialty manufacturer. The company's line includes the Saleen S281, the supercharged Saleen S281, the Saleen XP8 SUV, the new Saleen S7 supercar and Saleen Performance Parts, the latter encompassing the complete line of performance and appearance products for Mustangs and Explorers. For more information about Saleen – its people and its products – visit the web site at www.saleen.com.

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