**KIA FORTE KOUP PRIVATEER PROGRAM SCORES BACK-TO-BACK VICTORIES AT MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE**

*Defending class champion Jason Wolfe, pilot of the No. 36 Richard Wolfe Trucking Kia Forte Koup, wins rounds 10 and 11 of the Pirelli World Challenge Touring Car A season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course*

* Jason Wolfe’s victories propel him back to the top of the Touring Car A (TCA) Driver Championship standings with six races remaining
* Kinetic Motorsports teammate Kris Wright, in the No. 34 Wright Automotive Kia Forte Koup, earns a pair of top-five finishes and moves to fifth in Driver Championship

**IRVINE, Calif., August 17, 2015** – Defending Pirelli World Challenge (PWC) Touring Car A (TCA) Class Driver Champion and Ohio-native Jason Wolfe, pilot of the No. 36 Richard Wolfe Trucking Kia Forte Koup fielded by Kinetic Motorsports, scored back-to-back wins at his home track in rounds 10 and 11 of the 18-race PWC season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course this past weekend. The 2014 PWC TCA Rookie of the Year earned pole position and led both races from start to finish, retaking the lead in the 2015 TCA Driver Championship standings. Only a broken halfshaft in Saturday’s round 12 prevented him from making a clean sweep of the weekend.

 “As a driving instructor here when I’m not racing, I am very familiar with this track, so I’ve been looking forward to this weekend for a long time,” said Wolfe, who has six podium finishes on the year, including three wins. “Once I got the pole position in qualifying, some of the pressure went away, but I knew I had to win here or else I’d never hear the end of it from my family, friends and fellow instructors. The Kia Forte Koup performed flawlessly, and the Kinetic Motorsports crew gave me a great car as always. All I had to do was execute, and we were able to do that.”

Meanwhile, Wolfe’s Kinetic Motorsports teammate, Kris Wright, in the No. 34 Wright Automotive Kia Forte Koup, finished in the top five in rounds 10 and 11, narrowly missing his first podium of the season with a hard-fought fourth-place result in round 11. Wright’s consistent performance has moved him to fifth in the TCA Driver Championship standing.

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Drivers and crew now turn quickly to the next TCA event on the schedule, Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah, August 21-22 for rounds 13, 14, and 15. Round 13 takes place Friday, August 21, at 1:40 p.m. ET, followed by round 14 on Saturday, August 22, at 10:30 a.m. ET and round 15 at 6:30 p.m. ET. Live-streamed coverage of all PWC races is available online at www.world-challengetv.com, and race fans can keep up-to-date with the Kia Racing team via the Kia Motors America Facebook and Instagram pages, and on Twitter @Kia.

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1. 2015 K900 V8 available in select trims and in select markets with limited availability.

2 Soul EV in select markets with limited availability.

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