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## Mixed qualifying for Lamborghini in the Italian GT Championship

Imperiale Racing SRL to capitalise in tomorrow's pair of races

**Misano, 04 May 2013.** In the opening round of the Campionato Italiano Gran Turismo, Lamborghini's Giacomo Barri and Giorgio Sanna will line up for tomorrow's two races in third and eighth place respectively in the new 2013-specification Gallardo GT3 FL2.

Giacomo Barri claimed P3 in the first qualifying session, despite a red flag interruption in the short 20 minute session. "We certainly made a step forward following the free practice sessions and I am very happy with how our first qualifying session went today. The temperature was a bit lower than the previous sessions and our performance also improved, so we managed a good third spot on the grid, a position that we should take advantage of in the race tomorrow."

Lamborghini's official test driver, Giorgio Sanna, had a less satisfactory experience, however and fared no better than P8 in qualifying for the second of tomorrow's scheduled races. Reflecting on his session, Giorgio said, "We had just arrived at the perfect operating window for the tyres when I had a problem with the ABS system, so I had to box and lost the opportunity to extract the optimum performance from the tyres at the right moment. It was unfortunate as the car is quick and we will have to see what we can achieve tomorrow."

The Italian GT Championship is arguably one of the most competitive national GT series, with all contenders - including Audi, Porsche, Ferrari, BMW and Chevrelot - running 2013-specification race cars.

The Italian GT Championship forms one important aspect of Lamborghini's newly-announced Squadra Corse proposition. Lamborghini Squadra Corse is a specialist team within Lamborghini's R&D department dedicated to motorsport including GT3, the Super Trofeo series, and a customer driving program.

From 2013, the Squadra Corse will provide an integrated approach to Lamborghini driving experiences. A new series of 'Esperienza' events provide enthusiasts and prospects with opportunity for a first test-drive and to experience the world of Lamborghini. The Lamborghini Academies, on both track and ice, provide driver training and the initial steps towards racing. The Super Trofeo series provides the perfect first race experience for young and gentleman drivers, with the Lamborghini GT3 for more experienced racers wanting to compete with the Lamborghini marque worldwide.

Lamborghini today also confirmed that the seasoned industry professional, Max Welti, had been appointed to head Squadra Corse.

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