

Marseille Indoor Trial, 1st round of the World Indoor Trial Championship

## ADAM RAGA RENEWS WITH GAS GAS AND STARTS THE WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE ROSTRUM

Marseille, France, 20 January 2008.– Adam Raga and GAS GAS have extended their successful alliance in the world of trial with a new agreement to renew for another year with the manufacturer that has helped him achieve the six World Trial Championship titles he has added so far, a brilliant account that Raga has made up his mind to increase both in the outdoor and indoor championships.

The first round of the Indoor World Championship, which started last night at the Marseille Sports Arena, was not entirely favourable to the GAS GAS man, who is still recovering from an injury he sustained in his right hand's middle finger. The French event, with a circuit consisting on seven sections and a parallel speed one, saw an exciting first lap with eight riders aiming at entering the final, with Albert Cabestany as the first leader, Adam Raga second and Toni Bou in third after leaving Takahisa Fujinami out in the very last moment.

On the second lap, the GAS GAS man dominated the first half of the heat, but a five in lap 5 pushed him away from the first place and he was passed by Bou, who was the final winner. With Raga and Cabestany at a draw at the end of the final, the place was decided in a play-off section where Raga's fatigue from his injury made him add 1 point more than his rival, having to settle for third. *"Although I would have preferred to start with a win, I am satisfied because I have been able to keep a good pace until the end. This year the World Championship is very short and we have to try and get the best score in every round. We will have another chance in Barcelona as, thanks to the contract renovation with GAS GAS, we keep having the best bike in the championship and I feel very strong psychologically,"* commented Raga at the end of the event.

The second round of the World Indoor Trial Championship will take place on Sunday, 3 February at 17:00 in Barcelona's Palau Sant Jordi.

### World Indoor Trial Championship's 1st round (Marseille) and provisional World Championship standings

1st Toni Bou (Montesa)	8 points	10 points
2nd Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	10 points	8 points
3rd Adam Raga (GAS GAS)	11 points	6 points

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4 - Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa); 11 points; 5 - Jeroni Fajardo (Beta), 19 points; 6 - James Dabill (Montesa), 20 points; 7 - Doug Lampkin (Beta), 26 points; 8 - Jérôme Bethune (Beta), 26 points.

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