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**Darvill Racing to receive factory support from Zongshen**

**Darvill Racing is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with the Zongshen to campaign their eBikes with support from the Zongshen Factory at the 2015 MotoE Championship**

Darvill Racing, which was established in 1957 has been involved at the leading edge of two-wheeled motorsport since its inception. From world endurance championship winners to leading on the 'Roads' Darvill Racing continually looks forward and we recognise that eBikes are the future.



MotoE has been launched to provide a new class for eBikes to race each other within Europe. The premise is simple - to provide racers, innovators and manufacturers a brilliant championship full of competitive racing at a world-class level. The grid will contain many familiar faces from the world of electric racing as well as many new ones. The race for world domination in the development of clean technology is fierce and this championship will demonstrate this.

Chongqing Zongshen Automobile Industry Co Ltd. (known as "Zongshen Motorcycle") is one of the core subsidiaries of Zongshen Industrial Group. It includes two-wheeler & electric bike division, injection plant, welding plant, painting factory, South China motorcycle division and R&D centre. The company has assets of over RMB 1.18 billion, more than 2,800 employees, and has the annual output of 3 million motorcycles, E-bikes and three wheelers and more than 7 million pieces of key & important components.



In 1999 Zongshen Motorcycle Racing Team was launched, marking the birth of China's first professional motorcycle racing team and starting a new history for China's motorcycling. In the same year, Zongshen Motorcycle Racing Team started its journey in the Endurance World Championship (EWC) and also led to the first recording of a Chinese racing team in FIM's yearbook.

The MotoE Championship will again be held over 5 rounds with 3 rounds across mainland Europe and 2 in the UK. Dates TBC

**Alex Aitchison – Darvill Racing Team Principal:** "This is a massive opportunity for Darvill Racing and i can't thank Daniel and the Zongshen Racing Division enough for the opportunity and Rupal Patel of MotoE for facilitating this. Darvill Racing's journey into the electric 'world' continues and we intend to build on the amazing season we had in 2014.

eBikes are gaining support and becoming more readily accessible and acceptable, the technology is marching on at an incredible pace. It really is exciting to be involved at the pinnacle of this developing technology. The MotoE rounds as part of the German IDM Superbike series will continue to broaden the exposure with their extensive televised coverage whilst also giving our Sponsors excellent marketing across the UK and Europe.

