

## Walkinshaw Andretti United Partners with Proven 3D Printing Technology Ready for 2021 Supercar Championship

Joins forces with TCL Hofmann and Stratasys to bring proven FDM® 3D printing solution for customized prototyping, tooling and fixturing in supercars and equipment

MELBOURNE, Australia--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- From the Sandown 500 and Bathurst 1000 to the Supercars Championship, the Walkinshaw Andretti United (WAU) Racing team has stood on the podium every season since their debut, the team continues to seek ways to improve both on-track and off-track. And it is with such determination to excel, that today, Walkinshaw Andretti United, together with <a href="TCL Hofmann">TCL Hofmann</a> and <a href="Stratasys Ltd.">Stratasys Ltd.</a>, jointly announced a partnership agreement to bring the latest 3D printing solution and all the benefits of the cutting-edge technology into the WAU racing team for the 2021 Supercar Championship Season.

The WAU team will leverage <u>Stratasys FDM Printers</u> to produce prototypes of customized parts on the Supercars, as well as tooling and fixtures for production within the Walkinshaw Group who are a global leader in the design, engineering, development, and marketing of performance vehicles, and has significant motor sport interests in Australia and the UK. The systems are installed at the Walkinshaw Group facility at Clayton, Victoria. Stratasys and TCL Hofmann also support the team with regular training and technical support services.

"To be partnering with TCL Hofmann and Stratasys to advance our manufacturing process is an extremely exciting opportunity for Walkinshaw Andretti United," said Walkinshaw Andretti United Team Principal, Bruce Stewart.

"3D printing technology is essential in the way we build and manufacture development parts for both our Supercars, so to have the opportunity to do it with undoubtedly the best available puts us in a fantastic position for the 2021 Supercars Championship," Stewart added.

"Supercars is a highly competitive industry where precision matters, we are chasing milliseconds over the course of a race weekend, so our entire team is excited to have the right tools at hand to be able to chase the ultimate glory."

A global leader and founder of the FDM 3D printing technology, Stratasys brings over 30 years of knowledge in additive manufacturing or 3D printing technology and the company's technologies are used to create prototypes, manufacturing tools, and production parts across industries including aerospace, automotive, healthcare, consumer products and education.

TCL Hofmann joined the Stratasys channel network since 2019 and has supplied leading-

edge technologies to manufacturing companies and organizations, helping them upscale businesses and optimize results. With strong teams in Melbourne and Sydney, and sister company TCL Hunt in New Zealand's major cities, TCL Hofmann's success has developed from the broad supply of quality products to a range of industry through to the highest levels of service and advisory, pre and post-sale support and servicing.

"The best for the best, we are excited for this partnership and look forward to seeing the WAU team reap the benefits of 3D printing to push more limits," said Joseph Hancock, TCL Hofmann Managing Director. "And of course, we are a phone call away as time is of essence especially in the racing industry."

"We understand the fierce competition and that every second counts in auto racing," said Ben Darling, Stratasys Senior Territory Manager of Australia and New Zealand Region. "And that is why Stratasys invested in over 1,000 hours testing key build attributes of the printer, so that our customers can get it right first time and every time."

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## About Walkinshaw Andretti United

Walkinshaw Andretti United was born from three iconic organisations in world motorsport, Walkinshaw Racing, Andretti Autosport, and United Autosports. It fields two entries in the Repco Supercars Championship, with drivers Chaz Mostert and Bryce Fullwood.

The three organisations cover the globe, with Walkinshaw Racing based in Australia, Andretti Autosport in America, and United Autosports in Europe.

The Team, originally Walkinshaw Racing, debuted as the Holden Racing Team in 1990, and is one of the most successful Supercars teams of all time, having amassed seven Bathurst wins (1990, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2011) and six driver championship wins (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002). Walkinshaw also produced two other driver championship wins with their HSV Dealer team (2006, 2007) bringing its total to eight.

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## About TCL Hofmann

TCL Hofmann, Australia is a major supplier of industrial raw materials, semi-finished and finished products, and machinery to numerous industries including plastics processing, food & beverage, packaging, pharmaceutical, medical & industrial to name a few. Our success has developed from giving our customers a competitive advantage by providing cost effective, leading edge technologies backed up by sound industry advice and level of service aimed at surpassing customer expectations. For more information, visit TCL Hoffman at <a href="https://www.tclh3dprinting.com.au">www.tclh3dprinting.com.au</a> or <a href="https://www.tclhofmann.com.au">www.tclhofmann.com.au</a>.

## About Stratasys

For more than 30 years, Stratasys Ltd. (NASDAQ:SSYS) has been a defining force and dominant player in 3D printing and additive manufacturing – shaping the way things are made. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Rehovot, Israel, the company's solutions provide customers with unmatched design freedom and manufacturing flexibility –

reducing time-to-market and lowering development costs, while improving designs and communications. The Stratasys ecosystem includes 3D printers for prototyping and production; a wide range of 3D printing materials; parts on-demand via Stratasys Direct Manufacturing; strategic consulting and professional services; and the Thingiverse and GrabCAD communities with over 2 million 3D printable files for free designs. With more than 2,700 employees and 1200 granted or pending additive manufacturing patents, Stratasys has received more than 30 technology and leadership awards. Visit us online at: <a href="http://www.stratasys.com">http://www.stratasys.com</a> or <a href="http://blog.stratasys.com">http://blog.stratasys.com</a>, and follow us on <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a>.

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