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## Suzuki unveils its MotoGP team name as Team SUZUKI ECSTAR

-ECSTAR, the global umbrella brand of Suzuki genuine oil/chemical products-



#25 Maverick VIÑALES #41 Aleix ESPARGARO

Suzuki Motor Corporation has unveiled its MotoGP team name as Team SUZUKI ECSTAR. Suzuki will come back to the MotoGP class of the the world's top motorcycle racing series, the FIM\* Road Racing Grand Prix (MotoGP), from 2015. The 2015 season will start from the Qatar GP, which will hold its race on 29 March, 2015.

\*Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (International Motorcycling Federation)

Team SUZUKI ECSTAR will participate with the new racing machine GSX-RR, which is installed with the newly-developed in-line four-cylinder engine. Two riders, Aleix ESPARGARO (Spain), who was ranked seventh in the MotoGP class last season, and Maverick VIÑALES (Spain), who has stepped up from the Moto2 class, will compete aboard the GSX-RR.

Suzuki's Director and Senior Managing Officer Eiji Mochizuki (Executive General Manager, Motorcycle Operations) said "Finally, Suzuki will make a comeback to the MotoGP, the world's top motorcycle racing series. Through high-level competition, we will sharpen up our technologies, and aggressively feed them back to our production models and interact with Suzuki customers all over the world. Suzuki will challenge to improve

satisfaction of customers all over the world to a higher level, through racing and our products. We ask our fans to support the Team SUZUKI ECSTAR."

ECSTAR is the brand name of Suzuki's genuine high-performance engine oil, which has been on sale since 1984. It has been sold mainly in Japan and exported from Japan.

In the occasion of the ECSTAR brand's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Suzuki's participation in the MotoGP, Suzuki will seek to increase global recognition of the ECSTAR brand by establishing the ECSTAR brand as the global umbrella brand of Suzuki genuine oil/chemical products, and making it the MotoGP team name. Starting from Europe, the ECSTAR brand will be offered to overseas distributors as a high-quality, dependable brand.

### <GSX-RR spec>



#25 Maverick VIÑALES



#41 Aleix ESPARGARO

Overall length x width x height	2,096mm x 720mm x 1,140mm
Wheelbase	1,457mm
Body weight	160kg
Engine type	Water-cooled, four-stroke in-line four-cylinder,
	DOHC four-valve
Displacement	1,000cm <sup>3</sup>
Maximum output	Over 169kw (230PS)
Maximum speed	Over 330km/h
Gearbox	Six-speed (cassette type)
Frame type	Twin-spar aluminum
Tires (front/rear)	16.5in/16.5in
Front suspension	Öhlins, inverted fork
Rear suspension	Öhlins
Brake (front/rear)	Carbon disk/steel disk, Brembo

# <Team structure of the Team SUZUKI ECSTAR> Rider profile

#25 Maverick VIÑALES



Country Spain

Age 20 (12 Jan., 1995) Statistics 2012 Moto3 3<sup>rd</sup>

2013 Moto3 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Moto2 3<sup>rd</sup> #41 Aleix ESPARGARO



Country Spain

Age 25 (30 Jul., 1989) Statistics 2012 MotoGP 12<sup>th</sup>

2013 MotoGP  $11^{th}$  2014 MotoGP  $7^{th}$ 

# **Team Director and Managers**

Team Director Satoru TERADA



Team Manager Davide BRIVIO



Technical Manager Ken KAWAUCHI



#### <Suzuki ECSTAR series>



\*The picture is an image.

ECSTAR is the Suzuki genuine high-performance engine oil which was born in 1984.

Its name derives from the words Ecstatic and Star, meaning "the star of ecstatic performance".

By unifying Suzuki genuine oil/chemical products into the ECSTAR brand, Suzuki will provide dependable and reliable service to the customers through Suzuki automobile, motorcycle, and outboard motor dealers all over the world.

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http://www.suzuki-racing.com/motogp/championship.aspx