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RISI COMPETIZIONE HALFWAY REPORT - PETIT LE MANS 2018

**Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM No. 62: Toni Vilander (FIN)
Miguel Molina (ESP)
Andrea Bertolini (ITA)**

(Braselton, Ga., October 13, 2018)...At the five-hour mark of the 21st Annual Motul Petit Le Mans 10-hour race, the No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM team is currently in ninth place in the GTLM class, after starting from the ninth position on the grid. The red Ferrari has cycled as high as fourth in class on Lap 43, while the fan-favorite team pitted six times, including through four caution periods.

Qualifying and starting driver Toni Vilander, of Kankaanpaa, Finland, progressed during his first stint from P9 to P6 within the first few laps. He exited the car on Lap 43 while in fourth position to give driving duties to Spaniard and fellow Ferrari GT factory driver Miguel Molina.

Molina got in the Ferrari just before the one-hour mark and had a busy set of cautions while at the wheel. The first caution of the race was shown on Lap 53, just nine minutes later. The Risi team called Molina in for a fuel top off and fresh tires. A second caution was shown on Lap 78 and Molina was told to pit for a short stop of tires and fuel.

The third caution of the race was on Lap 103 and Molina pitted on lap 105 for driver change to Italian Andrea Bertolini while in the seventh position, along with a full stop. Bertolini had a solid drive but with some tire degradation as the track heated up in the warming temperatures.

The Risi team's fifth pit stop came on lap 146 while in P6 and just over three hours and 20 minutes into the 10-hour race. Vilander returned to the cockpit, along with a full pit stop of fuel and tire compound change was performed.

On Lap 191 while maintaining sixth place in class, Vilander brought the Ferrari in for the team's sixth pit stop at 3:25 p.m. A fourth caution was displayed just before the halfway point of the Petit Le Mans race, which directed the Ferrari 488 to the pits for the seventh stop in five hours, sending the GTLM race car to the ninth-class position at the halfway point.

QUOTES:

Toni Vilander, qualifying driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

After first stint: "The start overall was quite clean. Everybody was taking it quite easy, me included. I was just sitting in the back of the GTLM group. I could see the GTD cars were left behind quite quickly so I had a clean space behind me and I could see what was happening in the front. Unfortunately, something we knew before the race weekend was just that some places where we were low on power, coming out of 7 and 10B, I lose two or three car lengths every time. I cannot gain this back under braking. I also struggle a little bit at the end of the

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stint with the consistency. Let's see if it's something we can fix or if it fixes towards the end of the race with the lower temperature.

"Generally, there are no big issues with the car. It's a little bit light in the rear towards the end of the stint, but quite normal behavior for opening stint of Petit Le Mans. Our goal today is to stay out of trouble, not touch anybody and keep the car in one piece until the end. We just need to keep it clean, not do anything stupid and gain places when others hit trouble."

After second stint: *"Nothing's changed. We keep trying to go through different tires and change the car a little bit, but nothing. I did the fastest lap just now in the car, but half a second off the pace. We had dropped down to P9 so what can I tell you. [We will] Just drive until the end and hope the others will retire. There's nothing else we can do."*

Miguel Molina, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

After first stint (double): *"It was an okay stint. Nothing special. I could keep up with the [GTLM] group and that's the most important thing. I think we should be there, as close as possible, to the cars in front and try to get a good finish to the race. But so far, I feel comfortable. I'm getting used to everything. The circuit is really nice. It's a bit difficult when the traffic is coming, especially the prototypes. That's the most difficult thing. You have to be really aware when they are coming. The rest is okay. We need to do some more laps and then see where we are."*

Andrea Bertolini, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

After first stint: *"My first stint was okay. I did 10 or 12 laps and then I started having a problem with the rear. There was a lot of movement and it was really difficult to drive, especially the medium speed corners where we got a lot of oversteer everywhere. I changed the brake balance and raised the traction control. It was quite undriveable in the rear, the front was okay. So now we changed something. For Toni, we put him on mediums (tires), so we'll see what's going on."*

"Under the restart, a prototype came inside before the green flag and then in the chicane he moved me off. I lost my position but then got back to racing."

Live timing and scoring is available for the entire Motul Petit Le Mans 10-hour race at imsa.com and the IMSA Smartphone app.

Tune-In Information:

The race live television coverage will continue on FS2 until 9:30 p.m. Eastern time in the U.S. You can also listen to it on imsa.com or imsa.tv. The race is also streamed live in its entirety for international audiences on imsa.tv and the IMSA Mobile App.

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