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New cooperation in 2009 **Aaron Burkart joins Suzuki Sport Europe**

Aaron Burkart, who claimed second standing position in 2008 JWRC and won the runner-up title, is going to compete in the Championship again with a Swift Super1600 constructed and supported by Suzuki Sport Europe.

Aaron and Suzuki Sport Europe had the gravel and tarmac test after the 2008 in the Swift S1600. As a result, the young German driver was so impressed with the Swift and he chose it to give him the best chance at winning the championship title.

"I have a good feeling and I am already looking forward to our premiere event" explains 26 year old Burkart. "Up to now we just had a little time in the car but I liked the Swift from the first meter"

As the new JWRC-season starts early in 2009, there is not much time for the young German to get used to his Swift. "It is a lot of work until a new car is completely adjusted to your personal driving style.

But I am confident: The Swift's performance on tarmac and on gravel is remarkable, as well as the level of professionalism and the passion on which the team's work is based. I think that it will be a successful and enjoyable year."

Mr. Ishii, the team manager of Suzuki Sport Europe says,

"We are proud that we can collaborate with such a promising driver like Aaron. The test was few days and not a long distance but even though in a short time, he showed us his high potential and I could see his talent as a rally driver. Not only tarmac, but also on gravel, he can control his car very well. As he got JWRC runner-up title, his improvement is accelerating. I am sure, Aaron and SWIFT, this combination will make good chemistry."

Further support, apart from his new team, will come from Lorenza Bellini. She is already adapted at managing rally-drivers and will stand by his side for the whole season.

"I am in great anticipation for the JWRC-season. Aaron is a really talented driver, who already showed his competitiveness in 2008. With the assistance of Suzuki Sport Europe we now established a basis for 2009 that may be a perfect precondition for winning the JWRC-title. We are all extraordinarily motivated and will do our best to achieve this common purpose" concludes Bellini.

