



MEDIA RELEASE

## **Biante Touring Car Masters legends to kick off 2010 at Clipsal 500 Adelaide**

Launching into its fourth season, the hugely popular Biante Touring Car Masters is set to kick off the 2010 season at Adelaide's prestigious Clipsal 500 event on 11-14 March.

As the 2009 season draws to a close with Aussie racing legends Jim Richards and John Bowe currently monsterring the Boss Mustang of reigning champ Gavin Bullas, the 2010 Biante Touring Car Masters season is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever.

Since its inception at the Clipsal event in 2007, the Biante Touring Car Masters has rapidly grown to become one of Australia's premier racing categories and one of V8 Supercar's most popular support classes.

Best described as V8 Supercars from pre-1974, the series showcases a selection of immaculately prepared touring cars of the pre-1974 era, boasting some of the sport's most iconic muscle cars from Falcon GT's, BOSS Mustangs, Chevrolet Camaros, Chrysler Chargers and Holden Monaros to the giant-toppling Holden Toranas and nimble Porsche 911 RS's.

With 30 cars and the likes of Richards, Bowe, Bullas and South Australia's own Bob Middleton (four-time Australian Truck Racing Champion) and Group 2 Championship contender, Rory O'Neill delivering plenty of spectacular sideways action, the Biante series is always a crowd pleaser that evokes the glory days of Australian Touring Car racing.

Middleton and O'Neill are just two of a large contingent of South Australians competing in the category and, with 11 different SA drivers having appeared in the series this season, Clipsal fans can once again expect a strong representation of local racers to line up at the Adelaide Parklands alongside the racing genius of Richards and Bowe.

### **JIM RICHARDS - (7x Bathurst winner, 4x Australian Touring Car Champion):**

"I'm looking forward to getting back to Adelaide again; we've got plenty of great fans at Clipsal and the Biante series always produces especially good, close racing there.

"The Falcon has performed really well this year. It's been competitive everywhere we've been, although I had a hard time in the Clipsal round this year. We had a few dramas including a fire in the carburetor at the start of one race, which wasn't any help to us. I'll be ready to make amends for that next year.

"We have been developing the Falcon throughout the season and it gets a little better each time we go out. We'll do some more off-season development and I hope we'll be a force to be reckoned with in Adelaide in 2010."

### **JOHN BOWE - (2x Bathurst winner, 1995 Australian Touring Car Champion):**

"The Clipsal race meeting is one of my two favourite events for the year. The track is challenging, but for these Biante cars, some of which are 40 years old, it's a lot of fun. There's plenty of good passing opportunities for our cars and it will be great racing at Clipsal again.

"The Biante Touring Car series is growing in popularity and I'm excited to be part of it. There are plenty of categories I could run in, but this is the ideal thing for me now – these cars are like really, really badly behaved V8 Supercars. It's most fun I've had racing in years."

The Biante Touring Car Masters is proudly supported by Biante Model Cars, Rare Spares, Shannons Insurance, Hoosier Tires, Coopers and official charity RSPCA Australia.