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TOM HAMMONDS ENTERPRISES, LLC RELEASES JERRY ECKMAN

(HOLT, Fla., May 8, 2008) - - Jerry Eckman was released of his duties as crew chief of Team Hammonds, owned by Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC.

"Jerry is a good person, and I respect him a lot. At this time, we are going in a different direction with our race program, and unfortunately we had to make this change," said Tom Hammonds, team owner and driver.

Eckman started with the team in the 2007 season where the team ran 18 races and appeared in one semi-final, two quarter finals, and six first round elimination sessions. For the 2008 season, the team is on a five-race DNQ streak.

Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE) is located in Holt, Fla. and was formed in 2005. THE takes pride in promoting high performance and safety in the sport of drag racing. Housing such programs as Tom Hammonds Engines, a program specifically for performance drivers to rent custom built engines, and Tom Hammonds Race for Achievement, a school program dedicated to revving the engines of education through student achievement, the company's mission is to make an impact on the sport of drag racing. THE is the only African American owned and driven team in professional motor sports.

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