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PanGlobal aiming high with Arrows

PANGLOBAL Insurance yesterday announced a sponsorship programme with Team Arrows for the Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix.

PanGlobal Insurance chairman Alex Wong said in Kuala Lumpur yesterday that the sponsorship places the insurance company as the second company in Malaysia after Petronas to be associated with a Formula One team.

"Our contribution to motorsports is very much in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's vision to promote Malaysia as a centre of motorsport activities in this region," said Wong.

"We have sponsored a few drivers in Asia Formula 2000 and we were among the first to assist Alex Yoong to compete in the United Kingdom."

According to Wong, PanGlobal's involvement with Arrows will capture the imagination of the younger generation.

Meanwhile, Arrows boss Tom Walkinshaw said in Sydney yesterday that the team could expect a boost with the arrival of the new Supertec engine next year, report AFP.

Arrows are without a win after 335 Formula One races.

Walkinshaw admitted that time was running out for the team, although he said they have at least one more season in it,

Walkinshaw also foreshadowed changes to his driver lineup before the first race of the 2000 season in Melbourne next March.

"There would be 'no excuses' if Arrows did not perform next year," said Walkinshaw before flying to Sepang.

Pedro De La Rosa scored the team's single point for 1999 when he came in sixth in the Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park.

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