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SUBARU DRIVER BUCKY LASEK EARNS PODIUM FINISH AT LAS VEGAS GLOBAL RALLYCROSS **SEASON FINALE**

Cherry Hill, N.J., Nov 5, 2014 - Subaru Rally Team USA closed out the 2014 Red Bull Global Rallycross Season in Las Vegas with another podium via a determined drive by factory team driver Bucky Lasek in his Subaru WRX STI. In one of his best performances of the season Lasek took victory in his semi-final race and then earned a hard fought third overall in the final. His teammate Sverre Isachsen came from the back of the ten-car grid in the final to earn fifth overall.

"A great way to end the season! Our Subaru was dialed and working well, we took some big hits today but were able to just keep going," explained Lasek at the finish. "The win in the semi-final was huge for me and set things up nicely for the final, being able to start on the front row. The team has worked so hard all season, it's great to end the year with another podium."

The Las Vegas round of the Red Bull Global Rallycross was held in the heart of downtown Las Vegas. The track featured a slippery dirt section in which Lasek, to the delight of the fans, made a daring pass on the outside on rival Scott Speed late their semi-final race to take an impressive victory in the semi-final. Then a flawless drive in the final earned Lasek his third podium of the season.

Isachsen, full of confidence after winning the previous GRC round in Seattle, advanced to the final by handily winning the Last Chance Qualifier. He then had to fight through a stacked field in the final from that back of the ten-car grid, working his way to fifth overall. "Fifth from the back of the grid is a good result for us, I'm very happy," said Isachsen. "Subaru is now always fighting at the top and we are always improving, it's been a very good season."

The podium in Las Vegas capped off a memorable year for Subaru Rally Team USA. The team, managed by technical partner Vermont SportsCar, competes in both the Rally America National Championship and Red Bull Global Rallycross Championship. In Rally the team dominated, winning all but one event and earning the Driver's Championship for the fourth consecutive year with driver David Higgins and co-driver Craig Drew. In the GRC the team earned five podiums including their maiden win at the Seattle GRC round last month.

"The momentum we've felt all season within the team is now seen in front of the world out on the track," stated Rob Weir, Subaru Motorsports Marketing Manager. "It's a testament to hard work of our drivers and our technical partner Vermont SportsCar, combined with the capability of the WRX STI."

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