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## BMW MOTORRAD ITALIA SUPERBIKE TEAM - PORTIMAO - PRACTICE DAY 1

In Portimao, the last round of the 2011 Superbike World Championship, **Ayrton Badovini** had a good result on the first day of practice. **Javier Fores** is continuing to improve. The **Superstock** riders, Sylvain Barrier and Lorenzo Zanetti, were 5th and 11th respectively, and need to improve tomorrow on the second day of the weekend.

□ In the morning free practice **Ayrton Badovini** was third quickest, just three tenths off Jonathan Rea's time. In the afternoon qualifying he improved his time by a tenth and finished up 11th quickest, just four tenths slower than the third fastest time. Tomorrow Ayrton is expecting to improve his grid position.

□ This is the third race in Superbike with the BMW S 1000 RR for **Javier Fores**, who was 19th quickest and improved on his time from the morning practice by half a second.

□ In **Superstock**, Sylvain Barrier was the best placed BMW S 1000 RR rider in fifth, but over two seconds slower than the provisional pole sitter. Lorenzo Zanetti (11th quickest) will have to improve to be able to compete with Danilo Petrucci who was quickest and is second in the FIM Cup

**Serafino Foti**, Sports Director of the BMW Motorrad Italia Superbike Team, commented on the day's results: "It was a pretty good day. Ayrton has shown he has a good pace for the race. Seeing that only a few tenths separate eight of the riders 11th quickest is not that bad. Javier Fores' result was what we expected, and now we will try to help him make a small step forward tomorrow. In Superstock we are in a little bit of trouble with both riders, which is not what we expected, but we are confident that tomorrow we will find the key to the problem so we can improve."

**Superbike** - Qualifiche: 1° C. Checa (Ducati) 1'43.579 - 2° E. Laverty (Yamaha) + 0.087 - 3° S. Guintoli (Ducati) + 0.281.... 11° **A. Badovini (BMW)** + 0.699 ... 19° **J. Fores (BMW)** + 2.497

**Superstock** - Qualifiche: 1° D. Petrucci (Ducati) 1'46.012 - 2° S. Morais (Kawasaki) + 1.285 - 3° L. Baroni (Ducati) + 1.664... 5° **S. Barrier (BMW)** + 2.091... 11° **L. Zanetti (BMW)** + 2.515

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