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State Water Heaters Honors Virginia Tech with Racing Sponsorship

VT Logo will be visible on the Hood of the #4 Chevy in Phoenix

Ashland City, Tenn. (April 18, 2007) – The No. 4 State Water Heaters Chevrolet Impala will undergo a slight transformation this weekend at the Phoenix International Raceway. State Water Heaters and Ward Burton will sport a large Virginia Tech logo on the hood and smaller decals on each side of the car in this weekend's practice sessions, qualifying laps and race in Phoenix.

State's racing team, Morgan-McClure Motorsports, is the only NASCAR team headquartered in Virginia. Morgan-McClure's facility in Abingdon is about one hour away from the Virginia Tech campus, located in Blacksburg.

Ward Burton expressed his sadness over the events at Virginia Tech: "I have lived in Virginia all my life, and Virginia Tech has always been a big part of this state. I am surrounded by people who are either graduates of Virginia Tech or have children who attend the school. This is not just a community or state tragedy, it's a national one. I am saddened by the events earlier this week at Virginia Tech, but Virginia Tech, its students, their colleagues, employees and the whole state of Virginia will rally around this institution."

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“I’m really proud that State Water Heaters and Morgan-McClure have allowed this race team to show their support by putting the “VT” on the race car,” said Burton. “Virginia Tech will rise above this tragedy, and this is our way, for the time being, to help them and show our support.”

Morgan-McClure President Larry McClure said today, “Being the only Virginia-based NASCAR Nextel Cup team and having Ward Burton, a Virginia native as our driver, we felt it important to show our support for VT as they try to recover from this horrible tragedy.”

Morgan-McClure Motorsports is located in Abingdon, Va. and is a member of an elite group of NASCAR Nextel Cup teams to win consecutive races in NASCAR’s season opening Daytona 500. In winning tradition, Morgan-McClure has been instrumental in guiding top names in the series to Nextel Cup victories.

About State Water Heaters

For more than 60 years, State Water Heaters has built dependable, long-lasting water heaters for commercial and residential applications. State remains focused on manufacturing durable products that last longer. For more information, visit www.statewaterheaters.com.

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