FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: GRAEME McDOWELL

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GRAEME McDOWELL: Like you say, stop, start. I think the PGA TOUR and the whole team here at El Camaleon have done a great job keeping this golf course as playable as it is as much rain as they've had to deal with. You know, after the delay, really, really happy with some of those putts I made, a couple of bombs. It's a bit of a shootout so you've just got to keep sort of the pedal down out there and try and shoot and score. We'll regroup and get out there tomorrow morning and see how we can finish the day. Just having some fun. You just can't really legislate for this type of stuff. We're all pretty used to it at this point and you just have to get on with it.

Q. How big was the birdie putt on 12 and then you kick in another birdie to kind of wind down the day?

GRAEME McDOWELL: Yeah, 12 was nice, playing really tough. I kind of missed my drive a little bit, I was going in there with 5-iron and kept it short of the flag. I'm really just liking the way these greens look to me this week. It's the best I've putted probably this year. Really just trying to keep it simple on the greens. Like I say, been seeing it well and I've been knocking some in and that was a nice way to kind of finish the day with a couple of birdies. I just missed the fairway just right on 14 but it's in decent shape.

Q. What's it like to be the group ahead of the guy you were chasing, now tied with; kind of set the tone and have him here the roars behind him?

GRAEME McDOWELL: It was kind of fun. We had a decent amount of people out there considering what they've had to put up with with the rain and stuff today. Was nice to kind of get a few cheers going up and let the boys behind hear. Like I say, it's a good shootout here today. Lots of very, very good players these days. No one seems to back down anymore. You've got to keep the pedal down and hopefully stay in the mix and looking forward to getting back out there in the morning and seeing what we can do.

Q. How did you manage to do that?

GRAEME McDOWELL: It's been a tough week for everyone. I think the PGA TOUR and the staff here and most importantly El Camaleon having the golf course as playable as they have done. I think this golf course drains incredibly well, which is a big key. I think a normal golf course with this type of rain would not stand up to being playable. So big hats off to them, I know they've been working hard all week, the greens staff. No, I think we're all very used to rain delays and preparing ourselves and staying fresh and staying sharp and it was really nice to go out after that delay this afternoon and make some birdies.

Q. And tomorrow with what occurs with the wind, will you be a little bit cautious or aggressive?

GRAEME McDOWELL: You know, you have to stay aggressive. The guys out here are very good players and they don't back down. I'm on the 14th hole, which is a very tough par 4. I'll take my four there hopefully tomorrow morning and run, and then I'll have to pick one, maybe two birdies up coming in to have a chance to win. I'll just be trying to play my game and whatever happens happens.