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JDC-Miller MotorSports confirms ORECA 07 LMP2 Prototype program for 2017.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (September 22, 2016) Current Prototype Challenge entrant JDC-Miller MotorSports announced it will add a Prototype class program in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in 2017 with an ORECA 07 LMP2 car, as part of its current IMSA programs.

Team co-owner John Church confirmed today that the Minneapolis-based squad will be on the grid with a 2017-spec ORECA 07 Gibson-powered LMP2 car in 2017.

JDC-Miller MotorSports currently fields the # 85 PC entry in the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship along with the #54 ST car in the Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge Series. JDC MotorSports also operates a very successful multi-car entry in the IMSA Mazda Prototype Lites Series. The team won the season opening Rolex24 Hours of Daytona and the Long Beach Grand Prix in the PC class, and currently sits 3rd in the driver's championship.

JDC-Miller will continue to run its current Prototype Challenge car in 2017 with the driver lineups for both programs to be finalized in the coming weeks. Current JDC-Miller MotorSports regulars Misha Goikhberg, Stephen Simpson and Chris Miller will remain with the team, but firm commitments to either program have not been confirmed.

“All of our current drivers will be part of the new LMP2 program in some form in 2017 and beyond. Additionally, we obviously have great talents in our Mazda Prototype Lites program with Austin Versteeg and Clark Toppe who we would love to move into our recently announced P3 (PC1 class) program for 2017.” Church explained. “We have also had several conversations with a number of other potential drivers for the 2017 LMP2 program.”

With the confirmation for the LMP2 Prototype class program in 2017 and the recent announcement to field LMP3 spec Prototypes in the newly branded 2017 IMSA Prototype Challenge championship, JDC MotorSports and JDC Miller MotorSports will run programs in all IMSA Prototype classes in 2017.

“This is a very exciting program for 2017 and we felt this was the right time to move into the P2 class. We are confident in ORECA and feel they share our vision and goals. We have had a very strong relationship with them over the past 3 years.” Church explained. “Clearly our long-term goal is to become part of a DPI manufacturer program in the future”, Church explained.



“We are delighted by the commitment of JDC-Miller MotorSports with the new ORECA 07 LM P2. We have a strong link with the team since several years and it is great to continue our cooperation with this new challenge. The team is involved in all the different classes of the endurance racing ladder, so it is a logical but important step. We will bring our experience to support JDC-Miller MotorSports and help them to fight at the front. It is an exciting multiple-years project and we are glad to be part of it. We can’t wait to see the new ORECA 07 at Daytona.” ORECA Group president Hugues de Chaunac added.

JDC-Miller MotorSports is the first American team to announce its plan to run the new ORECA 07 in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The target is to make the first U.S. test during the Daytona series test in December before continuing with private testing leading up to the Roar Daytona test in January.



(Illustration shows current ORECA 05)



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Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 612-963-3352 or jchurch@jdcmotorsports.com

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About JDC MotorSports / JDC-Miller MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Expanding into the Pro Mazda Championship in 2005, the Minnesota-based team remained focused on not only challenging for top honors, but also helping develop young drivers. Over the years, JDC MotorSports has won numerous races and championships. JDC captured both the driver and team titles in the 2007 Star Mazda Championship, with Rookie of the Year Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. The Minnesota-based team followed that up with a second Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009. JDC continued its winning ways one year later, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship with Mikhail Goikhberg. The junior formula car standout secured its third Star Mazda Championship title in 2011 with Tristan Vautier, in addition to scoring a win in the USF2000 National Championship with Luke Ellery, as well as making its Prototype Lites Championship debut, earning five podium finishes. In 2014 JDC MotorSports captured the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites driver and team champion with drivers Mikhail Goikhberg (2014 overall driver champion), Matt McMurry and Gerry Kraut. 2014 was also the first year JDC MotorSports entered under JDC-Miller MotorSports a program in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class, finishing 4th at its maiden race the 12 hours of Sebring and scored its first podium finishing 3rd at Road America. JDC Motorsports added to the tally in 2015 with another team and driver championship in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda Championship. But there was more to celebrate along the way than the championship. In the 2015 Prototype Lites season, JDC Motorsports won every race and pole position. In their second season competing in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge fulltime driver Mikhail Goikhberg finished 4th overall in 2015 prototype challenge class driver championship including three podiums and the team's first pole position at LimeRock Park. In the current 2016 season JDC-Miller MotorSports already scored two victories winning the legendary Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and the Long Beach Grand Prix and is currently sitting 3rd in the driver's championship.

Attachments: JDC-Miller MotorSports ORECA LMP2 car illustrations (current ORECA 05)
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