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**JDC-Miller MotorSports places order for second ORECA 07, planning for two car prototype class expansion in 2018.**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (July 28, 2017) JDC-Miller MotorSports has placed an order for a second ORECA 07 with plans to expand to a two car prototype effort for the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season. The team currently sits third in the driver and team championships of the Prototype category, coming off of consecutive runner-up finishes at Watkins Glen and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. JDC-Miller MotorSports will take delivery of the car later this fall.

The Minneapolis, MN based team has enjoyed an encouraging debut season in the premier prototype category. Fielding an ORECA 07 – Gibson WEC LMP2 spec prototype fulltime, the all silver-rated lineup of JDC-Miller regulars Misha Goikhberg, Stephen Simpson and Chris Miller have regularly taken the fight to manufacturer-backed efforts from Cadillac, Nissan and Mazda. With six top-five finishes in seven races and near victories in the most recent two races, the team has consistently proven its ability to compete at the highest level of professional sportscar racing.

Team co-owner and managing partner John Church confirmed today that the order was placed earlier this week for the team's second ORECA 07 Gibson-powered LMP2 car with plans for a second full-time entry in the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship.

"This year has been a big step up for everyone but we have been proud of how the team has been able to handle the transition. Moving to the premier prototype class with a new car and new equipment has been a significant undertaking but we have a great group of people and we were confident we could be competitive. Sitting third in the standings after seven races with two podium finishes is validation of our efforts and gives us confidence to continue on the path we have been on. Campaigning a second car next season is the logical next step in our goal of becoming one of the strongest professional sportscar teams in North America." Church explained.

"The success we have enjoyed this season is a product of everyone's hard work and continued efforts to improve. Misha and Chris have driven like true professionals with neither putting a foot wrong all year and Stephen has continued to demonstrate that he is one of the top drivers in the championship. We have also enjoyed a great relationship with ORECA. They have built an excellent racecar and have contributed greatly to our success. We know our first win in an ORECA 07 is not far away." John Church continued.



The team also has other big plans for 2018. Currently leading the Jim Trueman Award, which awards the winner an invitation to the 2018 24Hours of LeMans, the Minnesota based group is already exploring their options for the French classic.

“I would be lying if I didn’t admit that we have high hopes of securing the Jim Trueman Award this year. We have already let IMSA know that if we win we will take the invitation and enter LeMans in 2018.” John explained.

“We know that continuing to grow and establish ourselves is important to hopefully being considered for future DPi opportunities. We feel that adding a second car and competing at LeMans are both steps in this direction. We look forward to finishing the 2017 season on a high note and taking delivery of our new ORECA 07 in the coming months.”

“My goal has always been to help John Church and his great team compete at the top levels of racing. This year has proven we are very close to achieving that goal. It has been lots of fun and I am lucky to be involved. I can’t wait for the next race and the 2018 season.” John Miller partner in JDC Miller MotorSports added.

“We are happy to see that JDC-Miller Motorsports is growing year after year. Heading from Prototype Challenge to LM P2 was a big step, but the team made it successful with great performance and constant progression through the season. It shows also the good ladder made by IMSA to allow the teams to access to the top class. We have built a strong relationship with John Church, his team and drivers and we are looking forward to strengthen it next year with this two-car effort. JDC-Miller Motorsports has shown the pace of the ORECA 07, being close to win on a couple of races. It’s clearly our common goal for the remaining races.” David Floury, Director of ORECA Technology commented on the news.





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

### ### 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 Misha 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 Misha 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 Misha Goikhberg finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in 2015 prototype challenge class driver championship including three podiums and the team's first pole position at LimeRock Park. In the 2016 season JDC-Miller MotorSports accomplished its biggest success so far winning the legendary Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and later the Long Beach Grand Prix. Misha Goikhberg and regular full season teammate Stephen Simpson finished 3rd in the overall IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class driver championship. The team also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2016 Tequila Patron North American endurance cup driver championship and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Tequila Patron North American endurance cup team championship. Additional to the success in the 2016 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, JDC secured the overall IMSA Prototype Lites driver championship with Clark Toppe, as well as the team and Masters Class championship with Joel Janco in 2016. The team moved into the main Prototype class of the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship in 2017 and is currently sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> in driver and team points in the overall championship.

As of today the team has secured a total of 18 Championships, 58 wins, 56 Pole Position and 184 podiums.

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