



## IN BRIEF

**PORSCHE** has released pictures of the second generation Porsche 919 Hybrid. It features the same innovative drivetrain concept consisting of a 2.0-litre V4 turbocharged petrol engine, supplemented by an electric motor powering the front wheels, and two energy recovery systems.

**THE FIA** has revisited its original decision that would have prevented Honda making any changes to its Formula 1 engine once it had been homologated in February and like Mercedes, Ferrari and Renault, it will be able to make a specified number of changes based on the average number of unused 'tokens' by its three rivals when the season starts in March.

**THE** International Business Days event that is held in Le Mans week has already signed up a number of participating companies. They include Böhm & Wiedemann, Zodiac Aerospace, sheet metal company Tramétal, Polish company PPHU Malinex, Eastrategies, AFPR (Association Française de Prototypage Rapide), regional agencies for Le Mans and the Sarthe, the Motorsport Industry Association, Grand Prix ESSEC and Streiff Consulting. Italian company Danisi Engineering has become a Patron to the event.

**M-SPORT'S** plans for a £19 million 26 acre R&D centre has been given the green light from its local council. The development will create 100 jobs at its site near Cockermonth

and it will be a springboard to develop new cars and technology for the general automotive business.

**MILLBROOK**, one of Europe's leading design, test and engineering solution providers for the automotive, public transport, energy and defence markets, has announced its plans to build a four-wheel drive chassis dynamometer test cell at its 700 acre proving ground in Bedfordshire in the UK. The new facility will enable Millbrook's customers to develop innovative ways of improving air quality, focussing heavily on hybridisation, electrification and the development of less polluting fuels. The four-wheel drive chassis dyno will ensure tests are carried out in a climate controlled environment, with appropriate instrumentation for gathering highly accurate emissions and fuel measurements.

**THE NEW** US road course of NOLA Motorsports Park has seen its first IndyCar action. Chip Ganassi Racing tested at the 2.67-mile track near New Orleans on 14 January, ahead of the venue's first IndyCar meeting scheduled for 10-12 April.

**BK RACING**, which fields three teams in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, is to relocate its headquarters from Statesville, North Carolina to Charlotte. According to a BK Racing spokesman the new location will provide space needed for the expanding team and allow all its operations to be run out of one facility.

**BAMBOO** Racing, which dropped out of the World Touring Car Championship

at the end of 2013, is to rejoin the series with a new Chevrolet Cruze currently under construction by RML in the UK. Now known as Craft-Bamboo, the Silverstone-based team will run a car for French driver Gregoire Demoustier, who competed in GT racing in a McLaren in 2014. The team also hopes to add a second car.

**LONG-TIME** BTCC team Triple Eight Race Engineering, which also fields cars in GT racing, has rebranded itself to Triple Eight Racing. According to the team the move is in response to an identity crisis in recent seasons caused by adopting various names to suit driver sponsor programmes.

**NISSAN** has responded to the Australian V8 Supercar Championship's proposed 'Gen2' regulations reported in *Race Tech* last month, permitting coupes and non-V8 engines in the series from 2017. The Japanese manufacturer says such regulations could see it replace the current Altima with the enthusiast-favourite GT-R.

**MCLAREN** Group has announced the change of its name to the McLaren Technology Group that represents an ongoing shift at McLaren, as it increasingly develops into a diversified high-technology company, applying its unique innovation and technology to industries such as oil and gas, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, aviation and financial services.

**SS TUBE** Technology has won the prestigious Export Achievement Award at the Motorsport Industry Association's Business Excellence Awards. During 2014, SS Tube Technology exported over 70% of its business to Europe, USA and Japan. At this time the business also recorded substantial growth in turnover, employees and capabilities, offering new engineering led products/services whilst carefully migrating to a new 60,000 sq ft facility in Eynsham, Oxfordshire in the heart of Motorsport Valley. "We are delighted to receive this prestigious award as the team's effort has been tremendous this year. I am very pleased that both our peers and the industry have recognised our achievements. We look forward to another successful year in 2015!" said Daniel Chilcott, managing director of SS Tube Technology. 

