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AkzoNobel extends supplier partnership with McLaren Racing

AkzoNobel has extended its official supplier partnership with McLaren Racing. The announcement comes as McLaren-Honda gears up for this weekend's Australian GP, where the MP4-30 will showcase AkzoNobel's superior high-gloss finishes.

The two companies have been working closely together since 2008 when, via its Sikkens brand, AkzoNobel first became official supplier of paint solutions to McLaren Racing, an arrangement that was later extended to McLaren Automotive. AkzoNobel has used its relationship with McLaren to develop its extreme environment technology and use lessons learned in Formula 1 to drive innovations in other industries.

McLaren Racing has been able to field cars that have consistently created a stunning visual impact while also enjoying direct performance gains from the small, but crucial, weight savings that AkzoNobel's technology has been able to provide.

Jonathan Neale, Chief Operating Officer and Acting CEO, McLaren Racing, commented: "We are delighted to extend our successful relationship with AkzoNobel. F1 is a very visual sport, and since 2008 we have worked together to develop the distinctive finishes seen on our cars.

"A shared passion for excellence has allowed us to pursue technical innovations, such as saving priceless weight and improving production times via a faster curing process for painted bodywork parts. At the same time, we have significantly reduced the carbon footprint of our paintshop by reducing both the energy and emissions of the process. With AkzoNobel's support, we will continue to pursue innovation in this area."

Simon Parker, Director of AkzoNobel's Vehicle Refinishes business added: "We look forward to the extension of our partnership with McLaren, which shares our passion and commitment to continued innovation. Working together with industry experts at all application levels, combined with our own unrivalled in-house knowledge, means we can exploit the most advanced technologies to maintain our lead in sustainable color and product development."

AkzoNobel is a leading global paints and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. Calling on centuries of expertise, we supply industries and consumers worldwide with innovative products and sustainable technologies designed to meet the growing demands of our fast-changing planet. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we have approximately 47,000 people in around 80 countries, while our portfolio includes well-known brands such as Dulux, Sikkens, International, Interpon and Eka. Consistently ranked as one of the leaders in the area of sustainability, we are committed to making life more liveable and our cities more human.

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