

Press Release



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Picture Captions

Picture 1: Tim Scott in the Company's Engine Test Cell

Company Racing to Pole Position with New Engine Test Facility

A DURHAM based company has moved closer to becoming the first motor sport team to run a 100% biodiesel (B100) powered car in Britain's top race car series.

Scott Racing Limited has built an engine test cell that allows race engines to be tested at up to 10,000 rpm and 800 horse power, over seven times the power of an average family car.

The facility has recently been commissioned at Scott Racing's new premises in Langley Moor and used to complete a series of engine fuel tests for a leading UK biodiesel firm. The company has also run initial tests with 100% biodiesel, the fuel it hopes to compete with at top UK race circuits such as Brands Hatch, Croft, Donington Park and Silverstone.

"The engine test cell represents an exciting investment for us and is essential to developing a competitive race engine. It also allows us to offer fuel and engine performance testing services to other companies" said Tim Scott, Scott Racing's Managing Director.

Scott Racing will use the test cell to develop an engine for a biodiesel powered car it intends to race in next year's British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) using an environmentally sound source of the fuel.

Tim added: "The excellent media coverage and public following of the BTCC gives us a great opportunity to showcase what can be achieved with biodiesel. We also hope

to attract partners who would like to use motor sport as part of their own high profile marketing campaigns and communicate an environmentally responsible message.”

The develop work will also enable the company to design and build biodiesel engines for other race teams. Teams will typically pay £200,000 for the design and build of an engine to race specification, with each new engine after that costing up to £30,000 – teams using up to four race engines per car, per year.

Scott Racing’s new facility will be featured in ITV1’s Northern Eye programme on biofuels at 8pm this Friday.

Ends.

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Additional notes to the editor:

Scott Racing Ltd has a five-man team headed by company managing director and former Formula Ford 1600 driver Tim Scott.

The biodiesel touring car race engine research and development project has received backing from One NorthEast with a £62,000 DTI Grant for Research and Development.

ITV television coverage of the British Touring Car Championship regularly attracts more than one million viewers on Sunday afternoons during the summer. Typically up to 30,000 spectators attend each of the ten rounds of the championship.

Biodiesel is estimated to add 85% less carbon dioxide to the atmosphere from engine emissions in comparison to conventional petrol driven cars. The race fuel could be sourced from the burgeoning North East biodiesel industry, most likely derived from oil seed rape, soya oil, palm oil, tallow or used cooking oil.