

### **Something of the night...**

Menard Competition Technologies (MCT), one of Europe's foremost motorsport and advanced automotive organisations, has this month recruited a nightshift team to increase its manufacturing capacity, offering a total 24 hours a day, seven day a week service. The move comes as its order book grows and the company seeks to improve further on its world-beating customer service and delivery capabilities.

The organisation has recruited an additional five staff, with three machinists now running the overnight shift. In addition, a quick set-up supervisor has also been taken on to augment the MCT manufacturing team, in a bid to aid the drive towards ever-quicker turnaround and reaction times, such a fundamental part of the demands of the motorsport supply chain. An additional office administrator has also joined the company.

The nightshift falls under the management of Darren Phillips, manufacturing director at MCT, whose previous experience includes time with the Renault F1 team. The Leaffield-based nightshift team will be concentrating on machining parts for existing total engine solution contracts, utilising the business' comprehensive bank of CNC milling and turning machines.

Charlie Bamber, managing director of MCT, noted: "The total service that we offer to our clients is a world class one – but we need to invest, constantly, in those processes, in order to stay ahead of the competition.

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“2007 saw us gain some exciting new clients across a number of international motorsport disciplines - and this year looks set to be an extremely exciting 12 months for all of us at MCT, both in Europe and the United States. And with a strengthened team back at Leaffield, we’re ideally placed to capitalise on the opportunities open to us.”

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**Notes to editors:**

Menard Competition Technologies Limited (MCT) is based at Leaffield Technical Centre, near Witney, Oxfordshire and offers bespoke solutions to the motorsport, advanced automotive and aerospace sectors. Its United States facility is based in Indianapolis.

Leaffield Technical Centre includes other advanced automotive organisations, including the Super Aguri F1 team.

Expertise includes total engine design, development and manufacturing capabilities, chassis build and development, gearbox dynamometer, a complete composites department, as well as total project management and track support.

MCT’s customers include leading teams and manufacturers from NASCAR, international sports car series and a number of European and North American single seater championships.

MCT has in excess of thirty year’s experience at the pinnacle of the world motorsport industry. Its management team boasts championship success across F1, sportscars, touring cars, IRL, CART and NASCAR.