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MCT's world-beating trio...

Menard Competition Technologies (MCT), one of the world's leading advanced automotive development organisations, will be taking centre stage at this week's Professional Motorsport World Expo, at Koelmesse in Cologne. With one of the biggest areas at the show dedicated to the organisation, MCT will be highlighting its work across the land speed record, international single-seater and advanced production car sectors.

The Oxfordshire-based business, which also boasts allied operations at Indianapolis in the United States, will be exhibiting a car from the groundbreaking Superleague Formula championship, now five races into its grid-packed inaugural season. All of the cars in the series are powered by a bespoke 4.2 litre, 750 horsepower V12 engine, designed, developed and mass-produced in under nine months by MCT.

MCT will also be showcasing its partnership with BLOODHOUND, the land speed record attempt unveiled in London last month by Richard Noble. The organisation is providing a V12 engine, as an integral part of the propulsion package for the project, to sit alongside a Eurofighter jet engine. The V12 unit will be providing over 27,500 pounds of thrust and delivering a tonne of propellant within 17 seconds to the car's rocket, whilst also powering the vehicle's electronic and hydraulic systems. If the car reaches its 1.4 mach, 1,000 mph target, the V12 motor will become the fastest piston engine in history!

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Also on the stand will be an example of the engine from the Caparo T1, an F1-inspired two seater sports car for the road. Again, MCT is responsible for the delivery of the powerplant - a 3.5 litre V8, normally-aspirated engine. The car and engine package exploits world-leading aerospace and motorsport technologies to provide the first ever 1,000 horsepower per tonne road car project. The powerplant is capable of running at up to 11,000 rpm, developing 585 horsepower.

Kevin Lee, managing director at MCT, commented: "It's extremely exciting to be here in Cologne, with three of our most prestigious projects on show. We are an innovative organisation, dedicated to delivering unique, total engineering solutions. Our philosophy is based on a team approach, building strong partnerships with our clients by harnessing the unparalleled talents of our people. That's what stands us apart..."

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Notes to editors:

Menard Competition Technologies Limited (MCT) is based at Leafield 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.

Expertise includes total engine design, development and manufacturing capabilities, transmission dynamometer, 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.