

News Release

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Akebono Announces Motor Sports Plan for 2018

Tokyo, Japan – (March 14, 2018) – Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. announced today the company's motor sports activities for 2018.

■ **Formula 1**

Participating in the premier venue for motor sports, Akebono has supplied brake systems to the McLaren Racing team as an official supplier since 2007. In 2014, Akebono became a Technology Partner of McLaren and continues to develop cutting-edge brake technologies.

Team name: McLaren

Machine name: MCL33

Parts: Brake Caliper, Master Cylinder, Brake by Wire Hydraulic component

■ **FIA* World Endurance Championship (WEC)**

Akebono has supplied brake calipers to Toyota's HYBRID racers since 2013. The races in this season will be held from the 1st round, Spa-Francorchamps on May 2018 to the 8th round, the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 2019. Toyota will launch improved TS050 HYBRIDs for this season and Akebono will supply brake calipers for the cars.

Team name: TOYOTA GAZOO Racing

Machine name: TS050 HYBRID

Parts: Brake Caliper

*FIA: Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile

■ **Nurburgring 24-Hour Endurance Race**

The Nurburgring 24-Hour Endurance Race is one of the world's most demanding endurance race for touring cars. Akebono has supplied brakes for Team GAZOO Racing LEXUS LFA since 2010. This year Akebono will supply brake parts to LEXUS LC in SP-PRO class (TBD).

Team name: TOYOTA GAZOO Racing

Machine name: LEXUS LC

Parts: Brake Caliper, Brake Pad

Leveraging the company's sophisticated brake technologies and development capability, since 2002 Akebono has partnered in numerous motor sports projects, with the aim of further augmenting expertise in the fields of high-performance brake materials, advanced structural designs and surface finishing technologies. Motor sports projects also provide an invaluable setting for training and skills advancement of Akebono engineers and technical staff.

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About Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.

Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (TSE:7238), founded in 1929, is a world leader in advanced brake and friction material development and production. The Akebono Group operates R&D centers and manufacturing facilities worldwide, such as in Japan, the United States, Europe and Asia. Akebono has been supplying and jointly developing brake systems with the McLaren Formula 1 team since 2007. For more information, visit www.akebono-brake.com/english/index.html.