

ENEOS Mark Newly Designed for Racing Cars and Suits Lubricants Partner Contract Signed with the B·A·R Honda F1 Team

Nippon Oil Corporation (Nippon Oil (NOC); President, Fumiaki Watari) announced today the signing of a Lubricants Partner contract with the B·A·R Honda F1 team. Under this contract, NOC will supply engine oil and gear oil to the B·A·R Honda F1 team. In addition, NOC's ENEOS mark has been designed especially for display on racing cars and racing suits and will appear on the team's cars and suits in all 19 of the 2005 FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP races.

Beginning in 2000, NOC began to supply engine oil for F1 racing cars to Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (Honda), thus becoming the first Japanese oil refining company to supply engine oil for F1 racing cars. NOC has won high acclaim for F1 engine oil development, and, under the recently signed contract, NOC will work together with Honda R&D Co., Ltd. (President, Takanobu Itoh) in the further development of engine oil and gear oil. The oil products developed will be supplied to the B·A·R Honda F1 team to support its participation in the F1 races, the most challenging of the world's motor sports events. NOC will, therefore, work to increase the performance of the team's racing cars to the highest level possible and support its efforts to win the overall championship in F1 racing.

NOC aims to further evolve and develop its own technological capabilities for lubricants based on the expertise gained in F1 racing. Through these activities, NOC will work toward realizing its management vision of "Becoming a comprehensive energy company that creatively undertakes new challenges in a manner that inspires widespread support from people throughout society", and increasing the global awareness of the ENEOS brand.



B·A·R Honda F1 team racing car with the ENEOS mark on the car's nose top

Outline of the Lubricants Partner Contract

(1) Date of signing	February 24, 2005 (Thursday)
(2) Term	February 2005 to December 2007
(3) Contents of the agreement	(a) Supplying engine oil and gear oil to the B·A·R Honda F1 team and (b) Design of the ENEOS mark to appear on the nose top of the team's racing cars and both shoulder areas of the team member's racing suits

[Supplementary Information]

(1)  [Outline of the B·A·R Honda F1 team](#)(PDF:10KB)

(2)  [2005 FIA Formula One World Championship Racing Schedule](#)(PDF:10KB)