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Norma: New Official Manufacturer of the LMP3 Category

Announced today by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, the company Norma Auto Concept is extremely proud to join the list of Official Manufacturers for the LMP3 Category.

Under the leadership of its founding President, Norbert Santos, the Norma team would like to very sincerely thank the Automobile Club de l'Ouest for their decision, recalling that Norma has always actively participated in study programs and discussions which have led to the successful creation of the Le Mans Prototype 3 (LMP3) category.

The imminent arrival of the new Norma LMP3 whose studies have very actively been underway for several months, is now only waiting for the green light from the ACO to be formalized.

The first chassis will be officially presented as of this summer with the aim of seeing one of several Norma LMP3 cars racing before the end of the year 2016.

Norbert Santos: "We are extremely delighted about the decision taken by the ACO. Since its launch we were convinced that Norma really has a place in this new category which has already been met with huge success. When the ACO took the decision to limit the number of manufacturers last year, we had already actively launched our first studies. Since then, we have not stopped and today the time and patience taken has been proven right. The design of the next Norma LMP3 is already very advanced. It benefits from a number of technological solutions that, I am convinced, will enable us to get the performance that we set for ourselves. And for Norma, it's only the victories that count."

Norma Auto Concept: 30 years of history, victories and titles

Norma is a French race car manufacturer based in Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre (*in the south west of France*) and was founded by Norbert Santos in 1986. The first Norma prototypes were principally designed for hill climb and circuit races. They very quickly earned their first victories and titles in France and all over Europe.

During the 90s the Norma reputation gradually started to build, including in the United States where today Norma owns and subsidiary in Florida (*Norma North America*).

In 2003, convinced that there is great potential for the development of an efficient CN prototype, with great success Norma launches the creation of Norma M20. Today, it may be the most manufactured multidisciplinary Sport Prototype in the world with nearly 400 copies sold and benefiting from continual developments from the Norma Office of Studies.

With more than 70 national and international titles, including 24 titles earned solely during the years 2014 and 2015, the Norma M20 continues to bring success.

Alongside the CN program, Norma has continued its high level of learning by participating 3 times at the 24 Hours of Le Mans with its prototype LMP2 M200 (*12th in 2012*).

On the sidelines of a well-oiled organization in its 3,600 m² factory, Norma, guided by Romain Dumas (*2016 Official Porsche driver*) also achieved a great feat in 2014 by winning the famous Pikes Peak Hill Climb; a challenge it will take part in again this year for the 100th anniversary of the event, again with Romain Dumas at the wheel. At the same time as the launch of the LMP3 program, in the coming months Norma will continue to strengthen its team and the overall structuring of its activities.

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