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## **Hat trick of success for Peugeot 908 HDi FAP with Ricardo transmission**

**Ricardo congratulates Peugeot on securing both the 2010 Le Mans Series manufacturers' and drivers' championships while at the same time achieving a 1-2 finish in the 1000km at Silverstone on 12 September – the first race of the 2010 Intercontinental Le Mans Cup series**

Team Peugeot Total kicked off its 2010 Intercontinental Le Mans Cup (ILMC) campaign on Sunday by winning the first race to count towards this newly-created series. For Peugeot the success was further enhanced by the second place secured by the Oreca-run Peugeot 908 HDi FAP. In addition to the counting towards the new ILMC series the weekend's results also confirm that Peugeot takes both the manufacturers' and drivers' titles in the 2010 Le Mans Series.

The Peugeot 908 HDi FAP has a bespoke gearbox designed and manufactured by Ricardo, in close collaboration with Peugeot engineers, to match the needs of the car's V12 diesel engine, which produces immense torque and power. This advanced transmission has thus been developed to be a world leader in weight and torque, as well as in reliability.

Commenting this weekend's successes for Peugeot, Ricardo director of high performance transmission products Mark Barge said:

“We are extremely pleased to have provided the transmissions for this year's Peugeot HDi FAP and congratulate Peugeot and the two teams operating this awesome diesel car with its highly optimized Ricardo transmission, on their achievements both this weekend and throughout the 2010 series.”

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