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## **Ricardo secures multi-year sole source transmission contract for US race series**

**Ricardo can today announce that it has secured a multi-year contract extension as the sole source of racing transmissions for the US 'Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires' race series**

The Indy Lights series consists of ten rounds of highly competitive racing around famous North American circuits as the feeder series for the world-famous Verizon IndyCar Series championship. Under the terms of the contract announced today, Ricardo will provide an in-house designed, manufactured and assembled racing transmission from its facility in Leamington, UK, directly to Indianapolis where it will be assembled into the racecar by each of the series' competing teams. This new contract also includes an upgrade to the transmission to allow for semi-automatic paddle-operated gear shifting, helping to bring an attractive level of technology to the newly designed Dallara chassis.

"We have been supplying racing transmissions to the Indy Lights series since 2002 with great success and we are delighted to announce our continued support of this prestigious racing series," commented Ricardo Performance Products MD Mark Barge. "Ricardo has a long-standing relationship with the teams and chassis manufacturers and we welcome the introduction of new technology to further enhance the racing spectacle that INDYCAR is so famous for."

Advanced Engine Research (AER) will be the Official Engine Supplier to which the Ricardo transmission will be linked. The Dallara IL-15 chassis will be powered by a 2.0 litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine producing approximately 450 horsepower, with additional power available via a driver-controlled "push-to-pass" feature.

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