



## **Silverstone Classic evolves as Motion Works UK is appointed as new organiser and promoter**

Silverstone Circuits Limited is delighted to confirm that it has today (Wednesday 19 December) agreed terms to licence the organisation and promotion of the annual Silverstone Classic event to Motion Works UK Limited for the next five years (2008 – 2012 inclusive).

Motion Works will take over the responsibility for the organisation, management and promotion of the Silverstone Classic from Silverstone Circuits Ltd who, since 2005, have been promoting the event themselves.

Richard Phillips, Managing Director of Silverstone Circuits Limited, commented, "Silverstone remains totally committed to the Silverstone Classic and will continue its interest in the event. We will also provide full backing to the special Steering Group that is being established. The Silverstone Classic is one of the leading classic car events on the motor sport calendar and we are confident that the event will continue to go from strength to strength under the guidance of Motion Works UK Limited."

"This is a very exciting addition to our growing portfolio of motor sport events" said Roger Etccl, Managing Director of Motion Works UK Limited. "All the team are looking forward to working, on behalf of Silverstone Circuits and the British Racing Drivers' Club, towards further developing this important annual festival which celebrates motor sport through the decades at The Home of British Motor Racing."

A record crowd of 41,000 gathered at Silverstone to witness a feast of world class nostalgic motor racing at the 2007 Silverstone Classic which featured twenty two races, spanning eight decades of motor sport and motoring, and covered an amazing variety of single-seater racing cars, sportscars and saloon cars.

The 2008 Silverstone Classic, taking place on 25-26-27 July, will celebrate 60 years of Silverstone, to mark the diamond anniversary of the circuit's first ever meeting - the 1948 British Grand Prix.

**Motion Works UK will shortly announce their plans for the future development of the event.**

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**Notes to Editors**

Images available on request.

Silverstone Circuits Limited is the operator and promoter of Silverstone circuit and a member of the BRDC Group of Companies

Silverstone is the host of the 2008 FORMULA 1™ Santander British Grand Prix and is recognised as the Home of British Motor Racing.

Silverstone stages some of the largest international and domestic motorsport series in the world, including the Silverstone Classic and rounds of the British Touring Car Championship, FIA GT Championship, Le Mans Endurance Series and British Superbike Championship.

Silverstone offers a variety of event and corporate facilities, including driving experiences, track days, hospitality opportunities and the Silverstone Motorsport Academy – the UK's leading race tuition and driver coaching centre.

Silverstone was the venue for the first ever Formula One World Championship Grand Prix in 1950, and has been the only circuit to stage the British Grand Prix since 1986.

Silverstone remains one of the world's most recognisable racing venues.