



Cabot and Hendrick Team Up for NASCAR Winston Cup Championship Race

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Boston, MA (July 11, 2001) When NASCAR's Tropicana 400 Winston Cup drivers begin this exciting race on Sunday, be sure to watch for the Hendrick Motorsports (HMS) car driven by Terry Labonte. Terry is a two time Winston Cup Champion and his HMS teammate, Jeff Gordon is on track to win Hendrick's 5th NASCAR Winston Cup Championship in the last decade.

Cabot Corporation's (NYSE: CBT) name and logo will be prominently displayed on the rear deck and quarter panels of Terry's car, the Hendrick Motorsports #5 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. This is the first NASCAR Winston Cup race held at the Chicagoland Speedway (Joliet, IL) and Cabot will be there. The race will be broadcast by NBC on Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 PM EST.

Cabot has enjoyed a special relationship with Terry Labonte and Hendrick Motorsports. The HMS Team also includes three time Winston Cup Champion Jeff Gordon, sponsored by DuPont, and Jerry Nadeau, sponsored by United Automobile Workers and Delphi Automotive Systems. Since 1999, Cabot has supported Hendrick Motorsports through the sharing of high performance materials and technical expertise. "In our experience, Cabot is an unparalleled technical player," said Rick Hendrick, Owner of Hendrick Motorsports. "When a technical issue is difficult to solve, we look to Cabot for solutions and they deliver."

Indeed, Cabot is no stranger to auto racing. Cabot has provided reinforcing materials and technology to all of the major producers of racing tires. Cabot products are also at the heart of great Formula One engine technology. "Cabot is proud to join two-time Winston Cup Champion Terry Labonte in competition this weekend," said Tom Odle, Vice President, Cabot Performance Materials. "We expect to see a great finish this Sunday. Cabot's customers win with new products when the Hendrick Motorsports team wins on the track."

Hendrick Motorsports is a world-class racing organization, currently fielding teams in NASCAR's Winston Cup, Busch Grand National and Craftsman Truck Series. Since its beginning in 1984, Hendrick Motorsports has claimed six championships in NASCAR. This includes a record four consecutive titles in the premier Winston Cup Series from 1995 to 1998, with Jeff Gordon winning in 1995, 1997 and 1998, and Terry Labonte winning his second career championship in 1996. At its sophisticated 65-acre racing complex in Harrisburg, NC, more than 300 employees design, build and test cars and engines for all Hendrick teams. For more information, visit Hendrick Motorsports on the web at <http://www.hendrickmotorsports.com/>

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