

FPT INDUSTRIAL FOR THE DAKAR AND AFRICA ECO RACE 2018: CURSOR 13 ENGINE IS AGAIN AMONG THE PROTAGONISTS

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FPT Industrial confirms once again its effort and passion for racing. Next year, the brand of CNH Industrial dedicated to the design, production and sale of powertrains solutions, will join two of the world's most famous rally races: the renowned **Dakar** (January 6th to 20th 2018) and the **Africa Eco Race** (December 31st 2017 to January 14th 2018). FPT Industrial will provide **four Cursor 13 engines**, especially designed for the race, to the competing IVECO teams and will also be participating as a technical sponsor for the racing teams.

In 2018, **Team Petronas De Rooy IVECO** will participate in both of these races with five trucks (IVECO Powerstar). Team Leader Gerard De Rooy and Wuf Van Ginkel will take part in the Africa Eco Race, while Artur Ardavichus and Ton Van Genungten will be the protagonists at Dakar.



FPT Industrial will power all trucks with its Cursor 13, 13-liter engines, renowned for their reliability in on-road long haul missions, as well as in agriculture applications, such as large tractors and harvesters. The IVECO vehicles' Cursor 13 engines were especially engineered for such a challenging rally and can reach a maximum power of **up to 1,000 hp**. The engines have proven their reliability, robustness and top performances **by conquering the most challenging terrain, also in the Dakar's past editions**.

For its 40th edition – and the 10th in South America – the **Dakar 2018** will set high standards from the start: competitors will kick off in **Lima** and immediately face the **harsh Peruvian** sandscapes. The Dakar will then leave the desert to take on the mountains of the **Bolivian Altiplano** on a faster track, and the need to adjust to an altitude of 2,500 meters. **FPT Industrial engines respond optimally to high altitude**, maintaining the same turbo speed and provide full control of this feature. The rally raid becomes most difficult in Argentina, with the **Super Fiambalá stage**. Gerard De Rooy has already won the Dakar in 2012 and 2016 and this year he obtained a third place, placing him on the podium for the umpteenth time.

FPT Industrial **Cursor 13** engine will be the real main protagonist of the Dakar race 2018, in fact, it is the engine which will equip **Himoinsa's Power Generator**. FTP Industrial Cursor 13 will take part in the Dakar 2018 through the equipment of power generators that Himoinsa, Official Supplier of the Dakar, will make **available on all bivouacs for the Organization**. In the rally there will be eight HPCW-500 D5-6 Power Cube generator sets, with FPT C13TE7 engines. Being dual-frequency allows them to operate on the Dakar bivouacs in Peru, a 60Hz market, as well as in Argentina and Bolivia, where the generators will run at 50Hz. From housing to factories, all man-made structures need energy: **locally-generated energy offers prompt availability, reliable supply and considerable savings**. FPT Industrial has always the right solution wherever power is needed – construction sites and shipyards, on-shore and off-shore oil or gas platforms, banks, hospitals, malls and shopping centers, domestic use, and obviously in the racing event.

For its 10th edition, the **Africa Eco Race** will welcome a record number of competitors. More than one hundred vehicles, and nearly 200 riders, drivers and co-drivers, will start the race from Monaco on December 31st. Gerard De Rooy, at the wheel of his IVECO Powerstar, will be following in the footsteps of his father Jan, who won the rally's first edition, and is the favorite of the 15 truck participants.

From December 31st – the Official start day of the drive from Monaco to the ferry boarding in Sete – to January 14th, competitors will cross **Morocco, Mauritania and Senegal** before reaching the legendary Lac Rose, in Dakar, for a spectacular closing stage. The pilots will cover 6,500 km, of which more than half are special stages along the tracks of Morocco and in the **Sahara Desert** in Mauritania, in an adventure that will test their endurance and navigation skills to the limit.

FPT Industrial is a brand of CNH Industrial, dedicated to the design, production and sale of powertrains for on and off-road vehicles, marine and power generation applications. The company employs more than 8,000 people worldwide, in ten manufacturing plants and seven R&D Centres. The FPT Industrial sales network consists of 93 dealers and over 900 service centres in almost 100 countries. A wide product offering, including six engine ranges from 42 hp up to 1,006 hp, transmissions with maximum torque of 200 Nm up to 500 Nm,

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