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Dear Sid,

I thought I would drop you a line to let you know how the OIL SPONGE is coping in the harsh environment of Motorcycle Racing.

On the 8-10-2000 we had occasion to put the OIL SPONGE to test during a 600cc supersport race at the Preston Clubs motorcycle race meeting at Three Sisters Race Circuit near Wigan. A rider dropped his machine whilst trying to negotiate the hairpin too fast, when he fell off, the motorcycle holed its crankcase, depositing a complete sump full of oil (5 litres) in one spot on the track. When I arrived on the scene the marshals were trying to contain the oil in one place by using brushes, the oil was at least 5mm deep and spreading! I radioed for my colleagues to bring the OIL SPONGE as the track was damp and applying our normal substance of cement dust would have been counter productive and would have only made the situation a lot worse. The OIL SPONGE was absolutely marvellous and impressed everyone who witnessed it in use; we literally dumped the OIL SPONGE onto the oil and worked it into the oil with brushes. Within 6 minutes the track was completely clear with no visible trace of the offending oil. The other thing that greatly impressed us was that the small quantity of OIL SPONGE that we had used was still re-usable, unlike cement dust which has to be thrown away after use. If we had used conventional methods to clear the oil spill we would have taken at least 40 minutes to clear the spill, and with a tight race schedule the race programme would have had to be shortened to the detriment of the competitors.

The ACU is now insisting that organizing clubs appoint an Environmental Officer to oversee the protection of the Environment, and I know that the Environment Officer on the day was very impressed when told that OIL SPONGE was Biodegradable and does not contaminate the Environment. Oil spillages during a race meeting can cause a great deal of delay to the programme, whether it is a club meeting or a Grand Prix, and speed is one of the attributes of OIL SPONGE that should be given more prominence when used. in this situation.

I will be singing the praises of OIL SPONGE at every opportunity and I wish you every success in getting it more widely used at Motor racing circuits, not only in the UK but worldwide.