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## PROMISING PERFORMANCE FOR DS PENSKE DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE GEN 3 ERA IN MEXICO CITY

*Mexico City, Mexico: Round 1 ABB Formula E FIA World Championship.*

**Mexico City, Mexico** – DS PENSKE hit the track at the famous Circuit Hermanos Rodriguez for the first race of Season 9 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. The team was extremely eager to put the new DS E-TENSE FE23 through its paces during Round 1 in Mexico.

After running in the top of both FP1 and FP2, both drivers had a tough qualifying having both their fast laps skuttled by traffic. The result put JEV P11 and Stoffel P14 on the starting grid. The team bounced back having a solid run with Stoffel finishing 10th and JEV disappointingly dropping to 12<sup>th</sup> with a battery issue on the last lap after running in the top 10 all race long.

### Team results – 2023 Hankook Mexico City E-Prix

Driver	FP1	FP2	Quali	Race
JEV	P1	P2	P11	P10
VAN	P5	P5	P14	P12

### Jay Penske, CEO & Team Principal

‘Not how we wanted to start the season, but we leave with a better understanding of the new Gen3 car. On the upside, the DS powertrain was strong and we can see it has very good potential. Plus; both drivers had very good race pace. We are looking forward to regrouping, heading for Diriyah and bringing home more points.’

### Stoffel Vandoorne, reigning Formula E world champion

‘This was obviously not the perfect weekend. I think that everyone on the team wished to leave Mexico with more points. One point is already something and its better than nothing. Things started quite well in free practice with both cars being top-5 each sessions. The car felt very good, but during qualifying we could not get a clean lap when we needed it due to traffic. So we were not able to capitalize on the good performance from free practice.

Starting from 14<sup>th</sup> position, I knew that it would not be simple. The race had a lot of cautions and safety car periods. Ultimately, it was very difficult to overtake and I was not able to improve my position better than 10th.’

### **Jean-Éric Vergne, Formula E Champion in 2018 and 2019**

'This is not the result we were wishing for. I fought hard to stay in the points and unfortunately on the last lap I had a battery issue right before the finish line. Its very frustrating after giving it my all to lose points, points that I know will be very important at the end of the season.

I want to keep the positive from the weekend as our car seems to be good. There's a lot of things to learn from this weekend and it's a long season, so I feel our take aways from this weekend will only make us stronger.'

