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AFTER 18 HOURS: 007 CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS AT LE MANS

Six hours now remain of this year's Le Mans 24 Hours – the equivalent of a complete Le Mans Series race – but the 007 Aston Martin LMP1 car is maintaining a strong fourth place after a trouble-free night. Tomas Enge is currently in the lead Aston Martin and he commented: "I don't actually like to say it because maybe it brings bad luck but I have been really impressed by the reliability of the car so far. We are in a good position because we have had a clean run, but now the objective is clear: we have to continue like this to the finish. There is a long way left to go."

In fact, there is still a quarter of the race to run – and the outside possibility of some rain as well, which would provide the closing stages of the 77th Le Mans 24 Hours with some additional drama.

While the 007 car has run with no problems, the 008 car had two unscheduled pit stops at around 7:45am and 8.45am after Jos Verstappen took over from Darren Turner. The first stop rectified a gearbox issue whilst the second stop fixed a problem with the brakes caused by the earlier gearbox issue. Verstappen re-joined the race in 14th overall. "From what I can see so far, this car has a lot of potential," he said, before getting in. "I think without problems we have the pace to go near the front. Unfortunately that hasn't been the case but this should not take anything away from the speed of the car."

The 009 car is currently being driven by Harold Primat, who occupies 26th place overall. The 009 car encountered no mechanical problems during the morning stint.

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