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POSITIVE FIRST DEVELOPMENT TEST OF PIRELLI 2018 TYRES AT THE BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

Sakhir, April 19, 2017 – The first in-season test of 2017 concluded today at the Bahrain International Circuit, which hosted last weekend's grand prix.

A total of 1761 laps were run over the two-day test, equivalent to 9536 kilometres.

This test was also an opportunity for Pirelli to begin the development programme for its 2018 tyres, as defined by the sporting regulations. Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel tested next year's development tyres with Pirelli throughout Tuesday, for one day.

The next test will take place from 16-17 May in Barcelona, where Renault and Toro Rosso will try out some 2018 development tyres on behalf of Pirelli.

Mario Isola, head of car racing: "We're satisfied with the test. Yesterday we completed the scheduled programme with Ferrari, despite a delay of a few hours caused by a mechanical problem on the car. Ferrari and the circuit officials were then extremely helpful in accommodating our request to run for three more hours, so we were able to conclude our test programme. Sebastian Vettel drove for 130 laps, testing various potential solutions for next year. The track here in Bahrain is particularly well-suited to these types of test, because of the stable weather conditions and circuit layout itself, which highlights any overheating issues. We took an initial read of various different compounds, collecting plenty of useful information that we will now analyse back in Milan. This data will form the basis of the next development test in Barcelona from 16-17 May."

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