

We congratulate our SIMPACK client BMW Motorsport Ltd. on winning the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola!

This has brought BMW's total formula1 victories to 10.

However, we would particularly like to congratulate them on their first win as the BMW WilliamsF1 team.

Williams and BMW have been together since last year as the BMW WilliamsF1 team, using the newly developed BMW engine. The experts predicted, as is normally the case with new teams, that several years would pass before they would see their first win. However, the BMW WilliamsF1 team with Ralf Schumacher have proved the experts to be wrong in only the second season and the 21st race taking first place on the 15th April 2001 in the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola.

This outstanding result was not expected by BMW, even though they knew how well their engine is performing.

The Munich based BMW Motorsport Team had been working intensively on the development of the engine for over three years and fully deserved the win from the concerted effort put in from

the entire team.

It was also the first career win for Ralf Schumacher since he began in Formula 1 in 1997. In the race itself, Ralf out accelerated his rivals from third place on the grid to take the lead, which he then never relinquished.

After his victory, Ralf Schumacher said:

"Ich freue mich natürlich riesig. Alles lief perfekt, das Set-up war gut, der BMW Motor fantastisch, und die Michelin-Reifen haben ebenfalls funktioniert!" (I am absolutely delighted. Everything ran perfectly, the set-up was good, the BMW engine was fantastic and the Michelin tyres also worked well.)

We'll be keeping our fingers crossed for the forthcoming races!

