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Team Penske's Car, sponsored by the Hitachi Group, takes Second Place in the Second Event of the U.S. IndyCar Series

Tokyo, April 14, 2015 --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that Helio Castroneves, a Penske Racing Driver contracted and sponsored by the Hitachi Group, including Hitachi Automotive Systems, took second place in the second event of the IndyCar series held in Avondale, Louisiana.

Castroneves, who started fourth, took over the lead on the 14th lap and stayed in contention in rainy conditions before finally finishing second.

Penske Racing teammates Juan Pablo Montoya came fifth, Will Power came seventh and Simon Pagenaud came twentieth.

The result lifted Castroneves to second place in the 2015 championship standings led by Montoya, with Power in third place, so Team Penske drivers occupy the top three places and after just the second event are off to a hot start to the season.

Looking ahead, Hitachi Automotive Systems will use its sponsorship of motor sports, including IndyCar racing, to further grow the Hitachi brand and make a contribution to motor sports.



Helio Castroneves on the start grid



Helio Castroneves (left) on the podium after his victory

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