# Mercedes admitted problems with the new F1 engine

{mosgoogle right} Mercedes has admitted that they might not have the time to get the new engine ready for the first F1 race in Bahrain.

Â â€œI openly admit that we are not where we want to be with the V8 programme,â€• saidÂ Norbert Haug. "At the moment, we a perhaps where we should have been in the middle of December."

He added: "We are doing everything possible in order to be competitive for the first race in Bahrain."

Reports reveal that the engine is down as much as 2,000rpm of major rivals. Haug said these reports are â€œexaggeratedâ€•.