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Audi delivers fiftieth new generation R8 LMS

- **Yaco Racing to field fiftieth model sold of the new race car in ADAC GT Masters**
- **Customer sport team now racing with Audi in its fourth year**
- **Rahel Frey and Philip Geipel at the wheel of the Audi R8 LMS**

Ingolstadt/Neckarsulm, March 31, 2016 – Audi Sport customer racing handed over the fiftieth Audi R8 LMS to a customer team in motorsport on Thursday. The squad of Yaco Racing based in Plauen took over the GT3 race car at Audi Sport's Böllinger Höfe site.

Audi is one of the most popular suppliers of the new generation of GT3 race cars. Only half a year following the production launch at Böllinger Höfe, Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing, handed over the fiftieth car of the new generation. "We achieved the mark of fifty race cars sold in clearly less time than with the predecessor model," says Reinke. "This is a result which all employees of Audi Sport customer racing can be proud of in the fiercely competitive global GT3 market."

Yaco Racing's team boss Uwe Geipel and race driver Philip Geipel (D) were obviously excited about the new season in the ADAC GT Masters on taking possession of the new car. The racing series will start at Oschersleben on April 17. Sport1 will be airing live coverage of all 14 rounds of the season. "We've been relying on Audi since 2013," says Uwe Geipel. "Our development in racing is the reward for our commitment. Last year, we clinched our first victory in the finale at the Hockenheimring. We're proud of starting the new season with the fiftieth model of Audi's latest GT3 race car generation and are setting our sights on our next successes."

Audi is represented in all renowned national and international GT3 racing series on four continents with the Audi R8 LMS. The company produced 137 cars of the preceding model, combined with the fiftieth R8 LMS of the new generation now totaling 187 GT3 models having been made in Neckarsulm. The R8 LMS is based on the high-performance sports car for the road with which it shares 50 percent of its



components, including the production V10 engine.

The Audi Group, with its brands Audi, Ducati and Lamborghini, is one of the most successful manufacturers of automobiles and motorcycles in the premium segment. It is present in more than 100 markets worldwide and produces at 16 locations in twelve countries. In the second half of 2016, the production of the Audi Q5 will start in San José Chiapa (Mexico). 100-percent subsidiaries of AUDI AG include quattro GmbH (Neckarsulm), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy) and Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy).

In 2015, the Audi Group delivered to customers approximately 1.8 million automobiles of the Audi brand, 3,245 sports cars of the Lamborghini brand and about 54,800 motorcycles of the Ducati brand. In the 2015 financial year, AUDI AG achieved total revenue of €58.4 billion and an operating profit of €4.8 billion. At present, approximately 85,000 people work for the company all over the world, about 60,000 of them in Germany. Audi focuses on new products and sustainable technologies for the future of mobility.