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## **Difficult qualifying for Audi at Spielberg**

- **Extremely close time gaps at the Red Bull Ring**
- **Jamie Green in the top ten as the only Audi driver**
- **Only 91 thousandths of a second short of pole position**

**Ingolstadt/Spielberg, August 2, 2014 – Close, closer, DTM: In the qualifying session at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg (Austria), the time gaps, even for DTM conditions, were even closer than usual. Jamie Green in the Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM of Audi Sport Team Rosberg missed the pole position by a razor-thin margin of 91 thousandths of a second – and in spite of this the Briton had to settle for grid position six.**

“Being the best Audi driver in sixth place is obviously not what we’d been hoping for,” said Green. “I’m happy that we made it into Q3. It shows that we did a good job. My car was basically good and I was only struggling a little in turn 1. My second lap would have been the fastest one but I had a bit of oversteer in the first corner. I’d like to thank my team that did a good job.”

Green was the only Audi driver to manage the leap into the top ten on Saturday evening in summer temperatures. Timo Scheider in the AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM of Audi Sport Team Phoenix as the second-best Audi driver will be starting from position 14. Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM) as the fastest driver of Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline will be sharing the eighth row with his team-mate Miguel Molina (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM).

Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM) in 14<sup>th</sup> place was the second-best Audi driver in qualifying but, due to a grid penalty imposed at Moscow, will be moved by three positions towards the rear of the grid. He will be tackling the race from the ninth row together with Nico Müller (Audi Financial Services Audi RS 5 DTM).

Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM) and Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM) in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> place were already eliminated in the first qualifying segment (Q1) – an unusual experience for both drivers.



“Naturally, this wasn’t a qualifying session to our liking,” said Dieter Gass, Head of DTM at Audi Sport. “Even in free practice, there were indications that we’d be having a difficult time here. The time gaps in qualifying were minimal. Jamie (Green) was only 91 thousandths of a second short of clinching the pole position. He and his team made the best of what was a difficult situation for us today. It’ll be a tough race for us, but the points are only awarded tomorrow and we’re not giving up.”

For the race on Sunday (start at 13.30 local time) heat and thunderstorms have been forecast. Audi has won two of the previous three DTM rounds at the Red Bull Ring.

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The Audi Group delivered approximately 1,575,500 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2013. As one of the most successful models, the Audi A3 has been awarded the title of “World Car of the Year 2014” by an international jury of journalists (combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.1 – 3.2; combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 165 – 85). In 2013, the company reported revenue of €49.9 billion and an operating profit of €5.03 billion. The company operates globally in more than 100 markets and has production facilities in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Brussels (Belgium), Bratislava (Slovakia), Martorell (Spain), Kaluga (Russia), Aurangabad (India), Changchun (China) and Jakarta (Indonesia). Since the end of 2013, the brand with the Four Rings has also been producing cars in Foshan (China). In 2015, Audi will start production in São José dos Pinhais (Brazil), followed by San José Chiapa (Mexico) in 2016. Wholly owned 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), the sports motorcycle manufacturer. The company currently employs approximately 76,000 people worldwide, thereof more than 53,400 in Germany. Total investment of around €22 billion is planned from 2014 to 2018 – primarily in new products and sustainable technologies. Audi is committed to its corporate responsibility and has anchored the principle of sustainability for its products and processes in its strategy. The long-term goal is CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral mobility.