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Miguel Molina clinches grid position three for Audi

- **Spaniard from Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline shines again**
- **Just 26 thousandths of a second short of front row**
- **Youngster Nico Müller in top eight for the first time**

Ingolstadt/Budapest, May 31, 2014 – Miguel Molina will start the Hungarian round of the DTM at the Hungaroring near Budapest (starting at 13.15, CEST, live on ‘Das Erste’) as the best Audi driver from position three.

Just like he did two weeks ago at Oschersleben, the Spaniard from Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline in his Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM showed a compelling performance again in Hungary on setting the fastest time in the morning’s free practice. In the first qualifying segment, the Audi driver only had to go out once and was thus able to save a set of tires for Q3. In the end, ‘Magic’ Molina missed the front row by merely 26 thousandths of a second.

“I believe that’s all we had in our quiver today,” said the Spaniard following the time chase on the 4.381-kilometer Hungaroring. “The BMW were very fast. But we did everything right and have good chances of being in contention for victory tomorrow.”

His team-mate Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM) in the third DTM qualifying session of the year managed the leap into the top eight for the third time – despite a spin in Q1 and a cancelled lap time in the third qualifying segment. The Swiss Nico Müller in the Audi Financial Services Audi RS 5 DTM will start the race alongside the Frenchman from the fourth row. At his third DTM event, the rookie from Audi Sport Team Rosberg made it into the final qualifying segment for the first time.

“Congratulations to Miguel (Molina), who is extremely strong this year and has not been discouraged by the misfortune he suffered in the first two races. This clearly speaks for him,” said Dieter Gass, Head of DTM at Audi Sport. “Adrien (Tambay) has shown another good performance too and our youngster Nico Müller made it into



the top eight for the first time. Obviously we're not happy with the qualifying results though. But the DTM always has surprises in store. We're going to leave no stone unturned to show a good race to the large number of employees from our plant in Győr who are traveling to the Hungaroring tomorrow."

Jamie Green, the hero who went unrewarded in the turbulent rain race at Oschersleben two weeks ago, secured grid position ten in the Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM. Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM) and Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM) are sharing the sixth row.

The two drivers from Audi Sport Team Phoenix are facing a major challenge. Leader of the standings Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM) and team-mate Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM), like Molina, made it into Q2 on only one set of tires but had to settle for grid positions 13 and 15 – on a track on which overtaking is regarded as being particularly difficult.

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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 CO₂ 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 more than 73,500 people worldwide, of which more than 52,500 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 CO₂-neutral mobility.