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## Quotes after qualifying at the Lausitzring

**Ingolstadt/Klettwitz, September 13, 2014 – Spearheaded by Mattias Ekström, three Audi drivers will be starting the race at the Lausitzring on Sunday from the first two rows. Quotes after qualifying.**

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport):** “Considering that the Lausitzring wasn’t necessarily our track in the past we worked out a very good starting base for the race. In Mattias (Ekström), Jamie (Green) and Timo (Scheider), three seasoned campaigners will be on the first two rows of the grid. I’m hoping for one of these three to clinch the first victory of the DTM season for Audi tomorrow.”

**Dieter Gass (Head of DTM):** “It was a difficult session due to the conditions with the drying track. The red flag in the first part didn’t make things any easier because we previously had only 15 minutes of free practice. That’s why we’ve got to be happy with the result even though we didn’t occupy the top spot again. It’s beginning to get on our nerves that there’s always somebody else clambering about in front of our noses although we again delivered a strong and cohesive team performance.”

**Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 2**

“It’s always nice to take a spot on the front row. It was an impeccable performance. I drove without making mistakes and am happy. I didn’t do anything differently with the car and drove the way I always do. We’re enjoying this day and are looking forward to the race.”

**Jamie Green (Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 3**

“It was a funny day for all of us. The weather was bad and we didn’t get to drive a lot. Still, my team worked out a good set-up. I’m happy with third place. This position gives me a good chance for the race.”

**Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 4**

“I’m pleased, the car was good, the performance was there, and the second row is a good starting base for a good result tomorrow. The guys did a great job in the stressful phase after we had nothing to do all day.”



**Miguel Molina (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 6**

“It was a good qualifying session for me. It wasn’t easy because the track conditions kept changing a lot. But in the end it worked out well. I’m in the top ten again. The whole squad did a superb job. I’ve got a good starting base and am hoping for a strong race. My personal goal is a place in the top three. I’m optimistic.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 10**

“A disappointing qualifying session. But in such conditions anything is always possible. It was very tight for advancing. In the end I just barely missed it.”

**Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 13**

“It was a difficult qualifying session for us. We weren’t fast enough. It’ll be difficult for us in the race tomorrow – especially on the first lap.”

**Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM), grid position 18**

“We’re far at the back. I had a lot of traffic on track but that’s not meant to be an excuse.”

**Nico Müller (Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM), grid position 20**

“Of course it’s not easy having to immediately drive your first laps in dry conditions on a new track in qualifying. These weren’t optimal auspices and if the situation then is as tight as usual, things become difficult. Today it wasn’t enough. 20<sup>th</sup> place is my worst qualifying result in the DTM so far. But I’m hoping to advance tomorrow. With a little luck we’ll finish in the points.”

**Thomas Biermeier (Sport Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** “It was a difficult qualifying session with the changing weather conditions and the drying track. Mattias (Ekström) showed a strong performance, and so did Miguel (Molina). Both made it into Q3. With Adrien (Tambay) and Edo (Mortara) the situation didn’t work out quite as well. Tomorrow is a new day. Tomorrow we’re going to strike back – we’re well set.”

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** “A totally crazy weekend. First, we had nothing to do and then it all happened within an hour and a half. That makes the result even sweeter. I’d have liked to have had both cars in the top eight, but the second car was only out for a short time. But in that case we’ve got a good grid position as well. In Timo’s (Scheider) case I thought he’d manage to clinch pole today up to the last lap – he drove superbly. In the race, we can achieve something with both cars, so I’m happy.”

**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** “I’ve got mixed feelings. Jamie (Green) did a brilliant job on clinching third place. That’s got quite a bit of



potential for tomorrow. Nico (Müller) had a hard time. He drove on a dry track here for the first time in qualifying. Finding the optimal braking points in that case is impossible, especially in such a tight field. He's got to cope with this now. That's the learning curve."

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