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Quotes after qualifying at Valencia

Ingolstadt/Valencia, September 29, 2012 – With seven cars in the top ten, Audi managed to show an impressive team performance in qualifying for the DTM race at Valencia. Quotes after qualifying.

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport): “It was an extremely strong team performance. We’ve got seven Audi cars in the top ten and Rahel (Frey) managed to make it into Q2 as well. Three of our drivers made it into the top four – for Adrien Tambay, our rookie, this is a special achievement. Unfortunately, things didn’t work out one hundred percent with Edo (Mortara) and Felipe (Albuquerque) in Q4. But the strong performance of all our cars and teams is a good base for the race.”

Edoardo Mortara (Playboy Audi A5 DTM), grid position 2

“Front row of the grid, two Rosberg Audi in Q4: It was a positive qualifying session. Naturally, I’d have preferred taking pole. But you’ve got to be realistic. Augusto (Farfus) drove a perfect lap in Q4 on a fresher set of tires. In Q4, it would have been difficult to beat him. I had the chance to do so before but didn’t do a perfect job then. If you want to be on the pole position in the DTM you’ve got to give 100 percent. I’m very pleased and am hoping for a good start in the race.”

Filipe Albuquerque (TV Movie Audi A5 DTM), grid position 3

“In the beginning I was struggling a bit. Q2 wasn’t good because I hit traffic. In Q3, I was disappointed. I was very quick and it would have been enough to be all the way in front and to return to the pits. Unfortunately, I made a mistake in the last turn and had to drive another lap. That meant I had tires that were two laps old in Q4. Augusto (Farfus) had fresher tires and thus more grip. He was really quick, ‘well done’ to him. But everything’s open in the race tomorrow.”

Adrien Tambay (Audi ultra A5 DTM), grid position 4

“I’m happy to have made it into Q4 for the first time. My performances in Q1 and Q3 were very good. Fourth place is a very good result for me. I hope that we’ll be able to build on that in the race. My car was fantastic; I’ve got to thank my guys for that.”



Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi A5 DTM), grid position 5

“Fifth place isn’t what I’d been hoping for. I wasn’t able to squeeze the optimum out of the car and in that case it’s simply not enough in the DTM to be all the way in front. But I’m satisfied because the car was basically good. Maybe we were lacking a bit of fine tuning. Tomorrow we’ve got the chance to advance all the way to the front.”

Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi A5 DTM), grid position 7

“Position seven isn’t a dream result. But it’s a result you can build on. After Oschersleben, it’s a step ahead. All Audi cars showed a good performance. We already had a good feeling after free practice. I think we can score a few important points in the race.”

Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi A5 DTM), grid position 8

“I’m not happy. We were too slow. Now we’ve got to analyze what went wrong and prepare for the race.”

Miguel Molina (Red Bull Audi A5 DTM), grid position 10

“I had a good car for qualifying. But in the DTM you need a perfect lap to make it into Q4. Tenth place is a good starting base for scoring points in the race. I’m very optimistic. With a good strategy and a quick car I can clinch a good result. The many Spanish fans motivate me very much.”

Rahel Frey (E-POSTBRIEF Audi A5 DTM), grid position 15

“I’m really happy with my performance. Q2 was my primary aim, and I managed to achieve it today. Audi delivered a good performance and I was able to take advantage of that today too. With position 15, I’ve achieved my best result in qualifying so far.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “It was a very good team result for Audi. Unfortunately, it wasn’t enough for the pole position. The starting base for the race is very good and we’re hoping to clinch a lot of points for Audi in the manufacturers’ championship. I’m especially happy that Adrien Tambay has achieved his so far best result today. By taking fourth place he showed his potential. It’s an uplifting experience for us to see him advance so much in his first year and we’re hoping for his form curve to continue.”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “Our two drivers took positions five and ten. Both barely missed making it into Q4 but three other Audi cars made it. I want to really thank Audi Sport and our engineers and drivers for



their faith in the technology and in us after the past difficult race weekend. With seven A5 cars on the top ten grid positions, I'm hoping for a good result for Audi in the race."

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): "I'm very happy. It's the third time for us to have both drivers in Q4. With grid positions two and three we can be more than happy. Valencia seems to be a good venue for us."

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The Audi Group delivered 1,302,659 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2011. In 2011, the Company posted revenue of €44.1 billion and an operating profit of €5.3 billion. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). The Audi Q7 is built in Bratislava (Slovakia). In July 2010, CKD production of the Audi Q5 was added to the existing Audi A4 and A6 manufacturing operations in Aurangabad (India). At the Brussels plant, production of the Audi A1 has been running since 2010, while production of the new A1 Sportback began in 2012. The Audi Q3 has been built in Martorell (Spain) since June 2011. The Company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide.

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Audi has long been fulfilling its social responsibility on many levels – with the aim of making the future worth living for generations to come. The basis for Audi's lasting success is therefore formed by environmental protection, the conservation of resources, international competitiveness and a forward-looking human resources policy. One example of AUDI AG's commitment to environmental issues is the Audi Environmental Foundation. Within the context of "Vorsprung durch Technik," which extends far beyond its products, the Company is directing its activities toward a major goal – comprehensive CO₂-neutral mobility.