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Audi R8 LMS ultra on title chase in Australia

- **Audi's GT3 sports cars extremely popular in Down Under**
- **Christopher Mies strengthens Jamec PEM Racing**
- **Technical support by Melbourne Performance Centre**

Ingolstadt, February 23, 2015 – The Audi R8 LMS ultra is so popular in Australian customer sport that an amazing number of six cars will be competing in the 2015 GT Championship in Down Under. Next weekend, the new season of the series will open on the spectacular city street circuit in Adelaide.

Audi numbers among the most popular brands in the field. Four Audi R8 LMS ultra cars will be joining the race in the overall classification of the Championship class and two other sports cars under the banner of the four rings will be battling for class victories in the Trophy category.

The outfits with claims to the overall title include Team Eva Racing/Evolve Technik with Peter Fitzgerald and last year's Trophy winner Skwirk/Beechwood Homes with Nathan Antunes, each fielding one Audi sports car. Team Jamec PEM Racing is entering two R8 LMS ultra cars in the Championship class – one of them being driven by the German Christopher Mies who is sharing the cockpit of car #74 with Greg Crick. Steve McLaughlan in the team's second R8 LMS ultra is aiming to clinch podium places together with Steven Johnson.

In addition to these candidates for overall victories, two Audi private teams are going to battle for success in class: Mark Griffith and Greg Taylor/Barton Mawer will be competing in the Trophy category.

All of the drivers have been relying on expert service for years. The Melbourne Performance Centre (MPC) is responsible for all technical matters and, as the official Australian partner, is closely associated with Audi Sport customer racing in Germany.

The event in Adelaide on March 1 will open a calendar featuring five circuits in Australia. The season will culminate for the third consecutive time in the finale to be



held at Highlands Motorsport Park situated in the picturesque scenery near the town of Cromwell in neighboring New Zealand. Different race formats with up to three rounds per weekend and varying distances make the series particularly attractive. Mark Eddy, in 2011, was the most recent Audi driver to have won the overall title in Australia.

The 2015 Audi customer teams in Australia

Audi R8 LMS ultra #2 (Eva Racing/Evolve Technik)
Peter Fitzgerald (AUS), Championship class

Audi R8 LMS ultra #6 (Skwirk/Beechwood Homes)
Nathan Antunes (AUS), Championship class

Audi R8 LMS #19 (Griffith Corporation Motorsport)
Mark Griffith (AUS), Trophy class

Audi R8 LMS #38 (Greg Taylor Racing)
Greg Taylor (AUS)/Barton Mawer (AUS), Trophy class

Audi R8 LMS ultra #74 (Jamec PEM Racing)
Christopher Mies (D)/Greg Crick (AUS), Championship class

Audi R8 LMS ultra #75 (Jamec PEM Racing)
Steven McLaughlan (AUS)/Steven Johnson (AUS), Championship class

Calendar

Mar 01 Adelaide (AUS)
May 23 Phillip Island (AUS)
Jul 12 Townsville (AUS)
Aug 23 Sydney (AUS)
Sep 13 Sandown (AUS)
Nov 15 Highlands (NZ)

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The Audi Group delivered approximately 1,741,100 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2014. 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: 8,3 - 3.2; combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 194 - 35). 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). As of mid-2015, Audi will operate a production facility 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 80,000 people worldwide, thereof approximately 55,800 in Germany. Total investment of around €24 billion is planned from 2015 to 2019 – 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.