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## **Audi ready for the race at Le Mans**

- **Positions two, four and five in warm-up**
- **Toyota and Audi within a hundredth of a second**
- **Kristensen, Lotterer and Bonanomi nominated as start drivers**

**Ingolstadt/Le Mans, June 14, 2014 – Following a final check in the morning’s warm-up, Audi Sport Team Joest is ready for the 82nd running of the Le Mans 24 Hours that will be started on Saturday at 15.00 (CEST) by the two-time Formula 1 World Champion Fernando Alonso.**

More than 250,000 spectators are expected to attend the world’s most important endurance race this weekend and there were traffic jams for several kilometers around the race track in the early morning. In the 45-minute warm-up, the fastest Audi and the best Toyota at the front of the field were within a hundredth of a second of each other.

André Lotterer in the #2 Audi R18 e-tron quattro set the second-best time at 3m 23.741s. The other two Audi R18 e-tron quattro cars trailed him in positions four (car #3) and five (car number #1). All nine Audi drivers participated in the session. Following the warm-up, Audi Sport Team Joest simulated pit stops and driver changes once more.

When the race starts at 15.00 CEST (live on Eurosport) Le Mans record winner Tom Kristensen (#1), André Lotterer (#2) and Marco Bonanomi (#3) will be at the wheel of the three Audi R18 e-tron quattro cars.

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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 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 CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral mobility.