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Quotes after the race at the Norisring

Ingolstadt/Nuremberg, June 29, 2014 – Two Audi drivers on podium, six Audi cars in the top ten – comments by the drivers following the DTM race at the Norisring.

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport): “Following the success in the Le Mans 24 Hours and the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring we’d have obviously liked to finally win our DTM home round at the Norisring. Unfortunately, it didn’t work out but that’s no reason to be disheartened. Quite the opposite is true: We saw a really strong performance by the whole Audi squad and scored more points today than in the first three DTM races – that’s never been the case before at the Norisring.”

Dieter Gass (Head of DTM): “It wasn’t a victory but Audi was strongly represented at the front: six Audi drivers in the points and two on podium. We’ve got to be happy with that even though, unfortunately, we again didn’t manage the leap onto the center step of the podium. The positive part is that we’re competitive on all tracks and in all conditions. Now we’re set on finally clinching our first victory of the season – and that’s our goal for the next race at Moscow.”

Jamie Green (Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM), 2nd place

Tires: rain/option

“This was a step in the right direction. Of course it would have been great to win here for Audi. That was our goal and we didn’t quite achieve it. But the race had a bad beginning with an incident with Paul di Resta following the start behind the safety car. His line and his speed surprised me. Unfortunately, we had body contact and as a result I lost time on the leader, Robert Wickens. I received a drive-through penalty. Looking at the whole action I can be happy about second place. I’m also happy about the first podium I’ve clinched with Audi Sport Team Rosberg. We can build on that.”

Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM), 3rd place

Tires: rain/option

“It was a good day. I enjoyed driving the RS 5 DTM. The car was good on a dry and a wet track. I’m not celebrating third place like a victory but we scored points for the



Championship and set the fastest race lap. We showed that we're in contention in the battle for victory. Unfortunately, we've got to wait for a whole year before we compete here again."

Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), 4th place

Tires: rain/option

"It was a crazy race for me. We advanced from grid position 20 to fourth place. We had a great car and a good rhythm. I'm very pleased and look forward to Moscow."

Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM), 8th place

Tires: rain/option

"This is a very disappointing result. A good result would have been possible from where we started – as other drivers have shown. They made up a lot of positions. And we didn't. At the beginning of the race, I lost a few places because the car was slow on rain tires. In the middle of the race, the situation improved and the team also told me to pit at the right time. But, unfortunately, in the end there were some problems with the brakes and I was happy to have finished the race and to have scored four points."

Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM), 9th place

Tires: rain/option

"It was a tough race and it would have been easy to make a mistake and to retire. I made no mistakes. We had a small incident with Pascal (Wehrlein), and I'm sorry about that. Driving on slicks on the wet track was difficult."

Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM), 10th place

Tires: rain/option

"One point! From the back, where we started from, that's basically okay as far as that goes. That had also been our goal. We made up eleven places. But we're out to battle for victories, not just for points – so from that perspective it's not satisfactory. The race was fun. I had a lot of battles and time passed relatively quickly. The pace which the car had in the various conditions was good. From that point of view, we're now going home with a black eye."

Nico Müller (Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM), 18th place

Tires: rain/option

"In the chaos following the start, Joey Hand made a braking mistake on lap two and turned me around. Afterwards, I was all the way at the back. We took a gamble that the safety car would be deployed and immediately pitted but the safety car didn't come out, so we found ourselves at the rear. The situation with the blue flags didn't work well. I waited too long, received a drive-through penalty and lost another lap. It was a disappointing race."



Miguel Molina (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), 22nd place

Tires: rain/option

“We had a pretty aggressive strategy in which we pitted at the first opportunity. With hindsight, it was the wrong decision because the track began to dry and there was no safety car period either, which we’d been speculating on. Obviously, I’m disappointed with this race weekend but we’re still in a good position in the drivers’ standings. If we keep our rhythm we’ll be able to continue the good results of the first races.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “It was a gripping race. Mattias (Ekström) and Edo (Mortara) advanced very far from the rear. That was sensational. But Adrien (Tambay) did a superb job as well. The strategy with Miguel (Molina), unfortunately, didn’t pan out. But we’d discussed it before and wanted to try it. We’re happy with the team result and have good prerequisites for the next race.”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “A superb race for Audi. A great result. Congratulations to Mattias (Ekström) and Jamie (Green) on clinching the podium places. We even battled our way forwards from the rear but, unfortunately, didn’t quite keep pace. It was impossible to make this up in the end. But we still scored points and are now looking ahead.”

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): “I’m very pleased. It was a great weekend. ‘Well done’ to Jamie (Green), he did a sensational job. I’m also happy for the team. The guys deserve this. For Nico (Müller), it was a shame that he was turned around because his pace was good. He brought the car home. That’s an honorable achievement on running at the Norisring for the first time.”

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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.