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Audi fastest in warm-up session

- **Allan McNish fastest in the rain**
- **Race preparations completed**
- **World premiere for the Audi R8 e-tron**

Ingolstadt/Le Mans, June 12, 2010 – Audi Sport Team Joest has completed its preparations for the 78th running of the Le Mans 24 Hours with a fastest time in the warm-up session. On a wet track Allan McNish recorded the quickest time of all 56 participants in the number 7 Audi R15 TDI.

With 3m 51.401s the Scotsman was over a second faster than the best Peugeot. The two other Audi R15 TDI prototypes were also quick in the difficult conditions in positions four and five. All nine Audi drivers have been driving in the warm-up session, all of them being happy with the handling of their cars despite the slippery track. “The race can come, we are well prepared,” said Allan McNish.

Dry conditions are forecast for the start of the race at 3 p.m. Allan McNish (#7), Marcel Fässler (#8) and Timo Bernhard (#9) have been nominated as start drivers for the three Audi R15 TDI prototypes. As usual the drivers will rotate in alphabetical order during the race:

#7 McNish > Capello > Kristensen
#8 Fässler > Lotterer > Treluyer
#9 Bernhard > Dumas > Rockenfeller

Before the race starts, the five-time Le Mans winner Frank Biela will pilot an Audi-e-tron technological show-piece based on the R8 around the race track. The high-performance electric sports car was presented on Friday evening in the pitlane of Le Mans.



The Audi Group sold around 950,000 cars of the Audi brand in 2009. The Company posted revenue of €29.8 billion and an operating profit of €1.6 billion. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). Aurangabad in India saw the start of CKD production of the Audi A6 at the end of 2007 and of the Audi A4 in early October 2008. Production of the new Audi A1 has been running at the Brussels plant since May 2010. The Company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft., Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese (Italy) and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi currently employs around 58,000 people worldwide, including 45,500 in Germany. Between 2010 and 2012 the Audi Group is planning to invest around €5.5 billion, mainly in new products, in order to sustain the Company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. By 2015, Audi plans to increase the number of models in its portfolio to 42.

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 newly established Audi Environmental Foundation.