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## Quotes after the race at Zandvoort

**Ingolstadt/Zandvoort, August 26, 2012 – Audi celebrated a one-two-three triumph at Zandvoort and is ranking just five points behind Mercedes-Benz and 51 points ahead of BMW in the DTM manufacturers' standings. Quotes after a turbulent race.**

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of AudiMotorsport):** “We started at the very front with five cars and scored a one-two-three victory – that’s a really great result for Audi. It’s good to see that all three teams have a driver on the podium and that we managed to show a strong team performance in the difficult and changeable conditions. I want to thank the whole team that has been working hard to make the cars run so well, in the manner for which Audi is known.”

**Edoardo Mortara (Playboy Audi A5 DTM), 1<sup>st</sup> place**

“It was incredible. I was so motivated and wanted to squeeze out the maximum at all cost. I had a good start and took a few risks on the first laps and when rain was setting in. The outcome could also have been different, though. But the risk paid off and we stayed on track. A one-two-three victory for Audi and my second success for Audi Sport Team Rosberg – for me, a dream has come true today.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi A5 DTM), 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

“I had a good start. It was a difficult race but in most conditions I was able to control the race. When it started raining again I was a bit too cautious and ‘Edo’ (Mortara) took advantage of that. In second place, he was able to take a little more of a risk. Afterwards, in dry conditions, I was a bit faster but it wasn’t enough to overtake him again.”

**Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi A5 DTM), 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

“It was a thrilling race. I was battling with Gary Paffett some of the time and with the rain at other times. A couple of times, I wasn’t in control of everything one hundred percent. I’m pleased with third place. A big ‘well done’ to ‘Edo’ (Mortara) and Mike (Rockenfeller).”



**Adrien Tambay (Audi ultra A5 DTM), 5<sup>th</sup> place**

“A tremendous ending of my Zandvoort weekend. After fierce battles, we finished in fifth place. A superb result! I really want to thank my team that placed its trust in me. Now I’ve finally finished in the points. I’m looking ahead toward the last races with great expectations now.”

**Filipe Albuquerque (TV Movie Audi A5 DTM), retirement**

“It’s a shame because the race was going well at first. I was third. But due to our pit stop strategy I lost two positions. As the race went on, I lost some time behind Susie (Wolff) and Joey (Hand). In the rain, the situation really became tricky. I had to run a bit wider and hit the gravel. The splitter was damaged in the process and I had to pit.”

**Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi A5 DTM), retirement**

“It’s almost as if the situation were jinxed. Even while preloading, I noticed that the clutch closed twice and I wasn’t able to control it. Then the lights went out at the wrong moment and I wasn’t able to recover the engine speed. This caused the engine to stall. Clearly my mistake! Then there was the contact with Coulthard. I lost the hood and the bracket was probably damaged. That’s why it wasn’t possible to properly repair the hood.”

**Rahel Frey (E-POSTBRIEF Audi A5 DTM), retirement**

“In turn 3, the situation became pretty tight. Wickens spun and I noticed him too late. There was no room to get out of the way. I hit him with my right front wheel and the suspension unfortunately broke in the process. An early end. Now I’ve got to give things a boost again next time.”

**Miguel Molina (Red Bull Audi A5 DTM), retirement**

“A difficult weekend for me. We didn’t drive a lot in free practice. In qualifying, I missed Q3 by a tenth of a second. In the race, I had a good start and overtook a lot of cars. While braking into turn one I was hit by Wickens and wasn’t able to control the car any longer. That put an early end to my race. I’m disappointed because I like this track. The positive part about it is that Audi has celebrated a one-two-three victory here. Now I’m looking forward to Oschersleben where I was on pole last year.”

**Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** It was an outstanding race – it was touring car sport of the kind you like to see. Congratulations to Audi and three drivers in the top three places. We’re happy that



now, after all the hard work, we're competitive and are hoping to be able to continue exactly like this."

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** "An outstanding and difficult race. The brief rain showers caused a few accidents. We managed to convert the qualifying results in the race. That's good for Audi and for the championship. We're back in contention for the title."

**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** "A fantastic result with Audi drivers on the podium. I'm very happy. I'd like to thank Audi Sport very much for the work that was done in the past few months."

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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. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include amongst others AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft. (Győr/Hungary), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese/Italy), AUDI BRUSSELS S.A./N.V. (Brussels/Belgium), quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm and the sports bike manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna/Italy). Audi currently employs around 65,000 people worldwide, including around 48,000 in Germany. Between 2012 and 2016 the brand with the four rings is planning to invest a total of €13 billion - mainly in new products and the extension of production capacities - in order to sustain the Company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" claim. Audi is currently expanding its site in Győr (Hungary) and will start production in Foshan (China) in late 2013 and in Mexico in 2016.

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