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## **Three Audi R18 e-tron quattro cars at Le Mans**

- **Entry list for Le Mans 24 Hours published**
- **Organizer accepts all three nominations submitted by Audi**
- **Tom Kristensen ‘Grand Marshal’ at Le Mans 24 Hours**

**Ingolstadt/Paris, February 5, 2015 – The wait is over: The Selection Committee of the Automobile Club de l’Ouest (ACO) has accepted all nominations submitted by Audi for the 83<sup>rd</sup> running of the Le Mans 24 Hours. As a result, three Audi R18 e-tron quattro cars will be competing in the world’s major endurance race on June 13 and 14, 2015, for which Tom Kristensen has been appointed as ‘Grand Marshal’ by the organizer.**

The ACO published the entry list of 56 participants at its press conference in Paris. Thanks to its 13<sup>th</sup> victory at Le Mans last year Audi had previously been guaranteed a place on the grid in the LMP1 class. Last year’s winners Marcel Fässler/André Lotterer/Benoît Tréluyer (CH/D/F) are set on battling for their fourth victory this year in the number ‘7’ Audi R18 e-tron quattro.

For the limited number of available entries, the Selection Committee has now accepted the two other nominations submitted by Audi Sport Team Joest as well: Lucas di Grassi/Loïc Duval/Oliver Jarvis (BR/F/GB) will be tackling the iconic race in the number ‘8’ hybrid sports car. Filipe Albuquerque (P), Marco Bonanomi (I) and new signing René Rast (D) will complete the Audi line-up in car number ‘9.’

“We’re delighted that the ACO has accepted our three nominations,” said Head of Audi Motorsport Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich, who attended the event in Paris together with Chris Reinke, Head of LMP. “Audi will be competing at Le Mans for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive time and has been unbeaten with its hybrid drive so far. This year, we’re welcoming a new competitor. This provides further proof of the positive development that prototype racing and the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) have seen since 2012.”



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