**Hankook Tire presents Man of the Match trophy to Ander Herrera following his strong performance in 2017 UEFA Europa League Final**

**- Manchester United FC beat AFC Ajax at the Friends Arena, Stockholm**

**On Wednesday evening the UEFA Europa League Final was played on the pitch of Friends Arena, Stockholm, with a capacity crowd of 50,000 watching the match. The Man of the Match trophy, presented by Hankook Tire, was awarded to Ander Herrera in the press conference after this season’s grand final.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany/Stockholm, Sweden, 26/05/2017*** – Hankook Tire is one of the main sponsors of the UEFA Europa League for the 5th season, and also presenter of the Man of the Match trophy. Mr Ho-Youl Pae, COO of Hankook Tire Europe, proudly handed over the trophy to Manchester United midfielder, Ander Herrera.

After losing the final four years ago with his previous club the Manchester United ‘player of the year’ seized control from the beginning and stymied Ajax's flow. Herrera dedicated his trophy to the victims of mondays terror attack in Manchester.

"The technical observer group chose Ander Herrera as man of the match for his drive and sharpness, his quality in and out of possession and his spirit and willingness to sacrifice himself for the team," said Ioan Lupescu, UEFA managing director for technical development.

While Ajax staged their international final match comeback after more than 20 years with the youngest starting lineup in UEFA Europa League history Manchester United strived to win this season's third title.

"We are very happy. It’s not every day you win the European trophy!” summarised Ander Herrera after the match “We know we could have done better in the Premier League, so to finish the season with three titles is fantastic; it was the game of the season”.

Hankook has been an official partner of the UEFA Europa League, the largest cup competition for club teams in Europe since 2012. In addition to football sponsorships of Real Madrid CF and Borussia Dortmund, Hankook also supports many international motorsport racing series. Amongst others, for many years the company has been the exclusive and successful supplier of tyres for DTM (Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters) and for the 24-hour series.

**About Hankook**

Hankook Tire is one of the global top 5 companies in the mass production of tyres and manufactures innovative, award winning radial tyres of proven superior quality for passenger cars, light trucks, SUVs, RVs, trucks and buses as well as motorsports (circuit racing/rallies).

Hankook continues to invest in research and development so that we can always offer our customers the highest level of quality, combined with technological excellence. At a total of five development centers and seven large scale factories around the world, the company develops and produces tyre solutions specially tailored to the requirements and needs of regional markets. Bespoke tyre solutions for the European markets as well as European Original Equipment according to the requirements of leading premium car manufacturers, are developed in the company’s regional Technical Centre in Hanover/Germany. Production for the European region is taking place in the state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Rácalmás/Hungary which was inaugurated in June 2007 and is continuously being expanded. Currently more than 3,000 employees produce up to 19 million tyres a year for passenger cars, SUVs and light trucks.

Hankook Tire’s European headquarters are located in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main in Germany. The manufacturer operates further branches in Germany, UK, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Hungary, Czech Republic, Russia, Turkey, Sweden and Poland. Hankook products are sold directly through regional distributors in other local markets. Hankook Tire employ more than 22,000 people worldwide and are selling their products in over 180 countries. Internationally leading car manufacturers rely on tyres made by Hankook for their original equipment. Approximately 30 percent of the company's global sales are generated within the European and CIS-Region.

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