**Hankook and Radical agree on exclusive global tyre partnership**

**From 2018, tyre manufacturer Hankook will supply original equipment racing and road tyres to sportscar manufacturer Radical. The two companies signed an agreement to this effect at the Autosport International Car Show in Birmingham. In the future, both the road sportscars and the racing cars of the British manufacturer will drive on Hankook tyres in various worldwide racing series.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany / Birmingham, United Kingdom, 12 January 2018*** - Hankook is now the exclusive OEM for both the racing and the road models of Radical. The premium tyre manufacturer will supply the British sportscar manufacturer with various sizes for motorsport applications including the Ventus Race in the slick (F200) and rain version (Z207), and with its sporty roadside counterpart, Ventus S1 evo², for "regular" Radical cars approved for road use.

Thanks to the new partnership, Hankook will be represented in various international racing series in which Radical is greatly involved. These include the protype series "Radical SR1 Cup" in England, the "North American Masters," the "European Masters", and the cup series "Middle East", "Canada", "Australia" and "Scandinavia".

Among the models of the British sports car manufacturer, which Hankook now exclusively equips with tyres, is the GT racing car Radical SR8 with a performance weight of 5.67 hp/kg. Additional future Hankook-equipped Radical models will be the SR1, SR3, RXC600R, RXC GT3 versions, RCX Spyder and RXC GT ROAD. The latter is a road-approved model with a power to weight ratio of 5.75 hp/kg which allows accelerations from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.7 seconds. Hankook Ventus S1evo² tyre sizes 215/45 ZR 17 or 245/45 ZR 17 will be fitted in the front and 265/35 ZR 18 tyres in the back, depending on the weight of the vehicle and its intended road use.

Motorsports Director Manfred Sandbichler: "The cooperation with Radical is another milestone in our international commitment. Radical stands for top performance on the track as well as on the road. We will help to ensure that the vehicles will be at top performance level. Another highlight of the new partnership will be our cooperation in many popular motorsports series across continents; the partnership with Radical provides excellent opportunities to showcase our high-performance products worldwide."

Nigel Land, Radical Sales & Marketing Director: 'We are excited to commence this partnership, Hankook has an incredible pedigree at top level Motorsport, founded on its global OEM relationship with premium car manufacturers. After an extensive and highly successful testing programme, the performance, durability and quality experienced ensures that our cars will run the best tyres in 2018 and beyond.”

**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).

Aspiring to bring consumers the utmost excellence in product quality, technological excellence and driving satisfaction, Hankook Tire continuously invests in research and development maintaining five R&D centres and eight production facilities around the world. 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 employs 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. Hankook Tire has been represented in the renowned Dow Jones Sustainability Index World (DJSI World) since 2016.

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