**Hankook Technodome receives Safety Management Certification from Korean Ministry of Science**

**The Hankook Technodome, tyre maker’s state-of-the-art research and development centre has been honoured as one of the most exemplary laboratories in the field of safety management. The Ministry of Science and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Korea only awards this title to laboratories that have been assessed by renowned experts under strict scientific criteria. Hankook is the first tyre maker receiving this certificate in Korea.**

***Seoul, Korea / Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 25th November 2020*** – Premium tyre maker Hankook and its state-of-the-art R&D centre, Hankook Technodome, has received the “Certification of Exemplary Laboratories in Safety Management” issued by the Ministry of Science and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Korea. It is the first time that a tyre company has received this certification in Korea. The certification is only granted to laboratories which have successfully passed an expert assessment by leading professionals in the field. The certificate program aims to strengthen the safety management capabilities of science and technology laboratories at research institutes, as well as to identify and promote a standard model for laboratory safety management.

Hankook Tire applied for the certificate program in April this year with its Flat-trac CT+ Laboratory and Chemical Analysis Laboratory located at the Hankook Technodome. The experts examined various areas including safety systems and related activities, as well as the awareness of designated safety officials on these issues. As a result, the Flat-trac CT+ Laboratory and the Chemical Analysis Laboratory have been identified as exemplary laboratories in safety management.

“A certification from the Ministry of Science and ICT means that our laboratories are fully equipped with a standard model for excellent safety management,” said Bonhee Ku, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Hankook Tire. “As the safety of our customers and employees is always at the top of our priorities, we will continue to make every effort to ensure that our facilities are operated and certified in accordance with the highest safety standard.”

Designed by Foster & Partner and opened in 2016, the Hankook Technodome is an environmentally friendly, high-tech research and development centre with state-of-the-art infrastructure. The complex covers a surface area of 96,328 square metres, distributed over a total of seven floors. Adjoining outbuildings provide comfortable accommodation for employees close to the site.

Hankook Tire strives to deliver superior technology and product quality through constant innovation in research and development. The Hankook Technodome, as the Group's global basic research centre, makes a significant contribution to this innovation process. In addition, the tyre maker has expanded its strategic partnership with global premium car brands and currently supplies tyres for original equipment to around 320 models from 46 car brands, including all German premium manufacturers - further proof of the company's technological leadership and brand value.

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**About Hankook Tire**

Hankook Tire manufactures globally 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 around 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 Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK and Ukraine. Hankook products are sold directly through regional distributors in other local markets. Hankook Tire employs approximately 20,000 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 34 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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