**The Hankook 6H Abu Dhabi starts on Saturday as a single event within the 24H Series powered by Hankook**

**Following last weekend’s season-opener in Dubai, the 24h Series powered by Hankook continues in the desert. Next on the calendar is the Hankook 6H Abu Dhabi on Saturday 23rd January. The race does not count towards the championship in the prestigious endurance series, but is instead held as a single event. The cars, in what is a strong field, line up in the GT, TG and 991 classes. Title sponsor Hankook supplies all cars with the high-end Ventus Race tyre.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 21.01.2021*** – The 5.554-kilometre Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi is an anti-clockwise racetrack, consisting of high-speed passages and some tight, winding sections. The Formula 1 track has 20 corners and the drivers hit top speed on the 1.14-kilometre straight. Thomas Baltes, Hankook race engineer: “It is a challenging circuit, at which the car has to be set up for maximum acceleration out of the corners, some of which are very tight. As in Dubai, the sand on the track is a key factor in Abu Dhabi. The fact that the cars skid more puts the running surface of the Hankook race tyre under more strain. However, this will not affect the high performance of the Ventus Race.”

Audi, BMW, Cupra, Ginetta, Honda, Lamborghini, McLaren and Porsche race cars will contest qualifying at 08:30 local time (05:30 CET) on Saturday. The Hankook 6H Abu Dhabi gets underway at 12:00 (09:00 CET). Thomas Baltes: “As the race ends at 18:00, the cold temperatures in the night are not an issue as far as tyre management is concerned. Nor should the drivers have any problem as dusk descends, as the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi is fully floodlit.”

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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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