**Hankook FFF Racing Team gets valuable kilometres under its belt ahead of the 24-hour classic at the Nürburgring**

**The Hankook FFF Racing Team enjoyed a successful dress rehearsal at the Nürburgring this weekend. Ahead of the ADAC TOTAL 24h Race at the start of June, the team used the two-day test, which featured the Qualification Race, to complete extensive practice laps, tyre tests and set-up work on the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO. The quartet of Marco Mapelli, Franck Perera, Mirko Bortolotti and Giacomo Altoè ended the finale to the test weekend, Sunday’s six-hour Qualification Race, in 19th place after 41 laps of racing. Hankook is supporting the team at the Eifel classic with its high-end Ventus Race products and the expertise of its engineers.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 10.05.2021*** – In just four weeks, the Hankook FFF Racing Team will line up with the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO in the 24-hour classic at the Nürburgring. This weekend, the final test “in the Green Hell” provided all the teams with a last opportunity to perform extensive set-up work. Over the course of the two qualifying laps, the Top-30 qualifying and the concluding six-hour race on Sunday, the Hankook FFF Racing Team and its four driver – Mapelli, Perera, Bortolotti and Altoè – worked intensively to find the optimal set-up, improve consistency, and practice procedures during pit stops and driver changeovers.

Marco Mapelli started Sunday’s race at the wheel of the #63 Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO for the Hankook FFF Racing Team. In summery temperatures in the Eifel Mountains, the field of 81 cars produced a race packed with battles and exciting action. The quartet of drivers set consistently fast lap times over the course of the six hours and, despite there being some heavy traffic at times, managed to stay clear of any dangerous situations. As usual, the Hankook race tyres performed strongly, impressing with a high level of consistency and reliability around the 25.378-kilometre 24h variant of the Nürburgring. Mapelli was again at the wheel for the final stint of the race, and crossed the finish line in 19th place.

Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “We are happy with the final test ahead of the 24-hour classic at the Nürburgring. Such a long race involves a lot of procedures and car set-ups, all of which must be practiced. We were able to do that extensively over the course of the two days. The four drivers also used the comprehensive test programme to gain valuable experience in the cockpit. Our tyres give the driving quartet the necessary assurance and trust. That is a good basis for a successful race at the start of June. We are ready!”

The 49th ADAC TOTAL 24-Hour Race at the Nürburgring takes place from 3rd to 6th June.

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