**Hankook expands testing capacity in Spain**

**Tyre maker Hankook continues to significantly expand its testing and development capacities in Europe. A new, ultra-modern building on the premises of Applus+ IDIADA in Spain is now in operation. Hankook has been a tyre partner in Idiada from the very beginning and was already significantly involved in the expansion of the test tracks on site in the past. With the new investment, Hankook can build on even more efficient and state-of-the-art, fully automated test logistics for European tyre development in the future.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 21st June 2021*** – Premium tyre maker Hankook has commissioned a new test centre on the premises of the Applus+ IDIADA Group. The company's presence at the site, which is located around 60 km south-west of Barcelona, can look back on a successful 15-year partnership with the operator. Among other things, the wet handling track was developed taking Hankook’s recommendations into account.

Today these areas also serve European premium car manufacturers, as development tracks for their own demanding tests. In order to be able to carry out the tyre tests even more efficiently in the future, the new Hankook test centre has been equipped with the most modern, automated and completely paperless test logistics, from the recording of results to storage and transport processing. In addition, the 20-strong test team of the Spanish Hankook test dependency, which is affiliated to the Hankook Europe Technical Centre in Hanover, also has modern offices, recreation and social rooms.

"With the further expansion of our testing capacities in Spain, we are reaching the next level together with our local partner Applus+ IDIADA," says Klaus Krause, head of the European Research and Development Center in Hanover. "We are confident that the newly installed testing facilities in particular will significantly improve our efforts to provide the best tyre testing conditions and services to our employees and customers. In addition, we will also be able to conduct significantly more tests on site."

The official inauguration on site will take place as soon as the current pandemic situation allows.

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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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