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Titles for Audi Sport customer racing in ADAC GT Masters and Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup

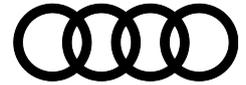
- **Land-Motorsport wins ADAC GT Masters with Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi**
- **Enzo Ide celebrates Blancpain success with Belgian Audi Club Team WRT**

Ingolstadt, October 2, 2016 – Two drivers’ and two teams’ titles on a single afternoon – the customers of Audi Sport customer racing popped the champagne bottles on the first weekend in October. The teams won two of the world’s most fiercely fought GT3 series, the ADAC GT Masters and the Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup.

Audi drivers have celebrated the title win in the ADAC GT Masters for an amazing third time. Following Christian Abt (2009) and René Rast/Kelvin van der Linde (2014), Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi were unbeatable this year. The German-American driver duo won in a dramatic finale at the Hockenheimring. After the fiercest rivals chasing the Audi campaigners had retired due to an accident, both drivers prevailed against another competitor in the points classification. In Saturday’s race, the American De Phillippi had already secured the Junior classification. A strong debut performance was achieved by their race team as well. Wolfgang Land’s Team Montaplast by Land-Motorsport relied on the Audi R8 LMS for the first time this year and was instantly successful.

Nearly at the same time, 1,200 kilometers further south, at Barcelona, another important European title decision was made in the Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup. The Belgian Enzo Ide, together with the Dutchman Robin Frijns, won the qualifying race and occupied third place in the main race, marking the first international title success for the 25-year-old Ide. Before the finale, he was tied on points in position one with his teammate Christopher Mies, but Mies had opted not to race in Spain in order to contest the ADAC GT Masters. Belgian Audi Club Team WRT additionally celebrated success in the teams’ classification of the Sprint Cup. Vincent Vosse’s squad is one of the most successful outfits of all Audi Sport customer racing teams. The company founded in 2010 has won an amazing eight overall drivers’ titles in racing, plus the squad’s tally includes eleven additional titles and six endurance racing victories in 24-hour races in Belgium, Germany and Dubai.

“Sincere congratulations to our victorious teams and drivers,” said Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. “They delivered thrilling racing this year against very tough competitors,



showed great fighting spirit and good team performances, and won in the respective finales. Now we're wishing our other teams a lot of success for the remaining title decisions this year."

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