



## **THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS” WITH 23 OVERALL WINS IN 26 YEARS Supplying 90% of Teams, Brembo Triumphs in LMP1 & GTE-PRO**

**LE MANS, France, June 15, 2014** – In the world of motorsports, this weekend’s 82<sup>nd</sup> running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans is the ultimate bench test for automotive development...always evolving, sometimes revolutionary, almost always changing...except for the teams’ choice of Brembo brakes – the “Choice of Champions!”

This year’s evolution was based on new regulations requiring the Le Mans LMP1 prototypes to get the most speed from the least amount of energy. The teams accepting this new challenge include the reigning Le Mans and World (WEC) Champion Audi Sports Team Joest with three Audi R18 e-tron quattros, the 2014 WEC-leading Toyota Racing with two TS040 Hybrids, and two Porsche 919 Hybrids for Porsche Motorsport, returning to compete for the overall for the first time since winning in 1998. In addition, there is the revolutionary “Garage 56” ZEOD entry from Nissan, a hybrid-electric race car similar in design to the radical DeltaWing. Eight dramatic interpretations of cutting-edge technology and all utilizing state-of-the-art Brembo brake components.

For the 2014 edition of the prestigious French competition, the Italian company, a world leader in the production of brake systems, supplied over 90% of the teams (51 of 56 cars), including every Aston Martin, Ferrari and Porsche in the GTE-PRO class.

In a battle of the hybrids, tradition and experience won out as the #2 Audi of Fassler, Lotterer and Treluyer finished ahead of their teammates in the #1 Audi for their 13<sup>th</sup> win at the Circuit de la Sarthe and Brembo’s 14<sup>th</sup> overall victory in 15 years. The Brembo-equipped #51 AF Corse Ferrari 458 Italia bested the #73 Corvette Racing C7R for top honors in GTE-PRO.

This year’s overall victory represents Brembo’s 23<sup>rd</sup> win in 26 years, dating back to Brembo’s first overall with Mercedes in 1989. Since then, Brembo has provided its record-winning brakes to manufacturers such as Audi (13x), Porsche (4x), Peugeot (3x), Mazda, and McLaren to say nothing about Brembo’s many class victories.

For Le Mans, Brembo’s focus is on lightweight, long-lasting brake technology, especially for the new hybrids where reduced weight is critical for success. The majority of prototypes use lightweight, monobloc aluminium calipers with carbon-carbon discs, 380mm in front and 355 or 337mm on the rear axle, while GT cars require heavier cast iron rotors.

Brembo is synonymous with success since 1975, when Enzo Ferrari relied on the Italian manufacturer of high-performance braking systems to equip his legendary Formula One cars. From then on Brembo has equipped the most important teams and manufacturers dominating in the most prestigious categories.

Racing teams and manufacturers such as Aston Martin, Audi, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Honda, Porsche, Mercedes, Nissan, Renault and Toyota demand the best and turn to the expert in braking technology and performance: Brembo. The excellent trusted relationships that Brembo has with more than 30 original equipment manufacturers and hundreds of championship-winning race teams in F1, IndyCar, NASCAR and sports cars, are based on the fact that Brembo is the industry benchmark.

### About Brembo SpA

Brembo SpA is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of disc brake technology for automotive vehicles. Brembo supplies high performance brake systems for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles and motorbikes worldwide, as well as clutches, seats, seat belts and other components



for racing. Brembo is also a leader in the racing sector and has won more than 200 championships. Today the company operates in 16 countries on 3 continents, with 22 production and business sites, and a pool of about 7.000 employees, about 10% of whom are engineers and product specialists active in the R&D. 2012 turnover was € 1,388.6 million (12/31/12). Brembo is the owner of the Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini, and Sabelt brands and operates through the AP Racing brand.

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