

## Press Release

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DEKRA Remains Sponsor of Nico Hülkenberg

### New season with trusted partner

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**The trusted partnership between Formula 1 driver Nico Hülkenberg and DEKRA continues: The leading international expert organization will remain the official partner of the 30-year-old. Hülkenberg will sport the DEKRA logo on his official driver's cap again in his ninth season in Formula 1 and his second with the Renault factory team. The Formula 1 season begins this weekend, March 23-25, in the now-traditional location of Australia.**

"DEKRA has backed me ever since the start of my driving career. I have been able to rely on my trusted partner for 14 years now," enthuses Hülkenberg. A long-standing partnership like this is not an everyday thing. For the Formula 1 driver, it goes far beyond conventional sponsorship: "We are linked by ties of friendship. I am proud of the DEKRA logo on my cap – the brand stands for safety and neutral expertise around the world. Those are values I am happy to represent."

DEKRA Management Board member Clemens Klinke also underlines the personal nature of the relationship that has built up over the years. "It is a very special honor to have supported someone from his early days in karting right through to a berth in a Formula 1 factory team." As a global organization, he considers the DEKRA brand's presence in Formula 1 to be extremely valuable. "We are represented on all five continents with more than 43,000 employees. This means tens of thousands of people at DEKRA will be crossing their fingers for Nico again this season."

Nico Hülkenberg intends to make an impression right from the start of his ninth Formula 1 season. "I'll always give 100 percent, that goes without saying," he promises. "The experience I have gained will undoubtedly stand me in good stead. When you have competed in a lot of races and worked with different teams, that gives you plenty of experience and knowledge to draw upon." In the coming season, Hülkenberg intends to make a significant addition to his tally of 405 World Championship points to date.

As one of just two German drivers in Formula 1 alongside Sebastian Vettel, Hülkenberg is continuing to eye up his first podium finish: "Obviously, bringing the car home in one of the top positions remains a big target of mine. I have led races a few times already – now I need to finish the job. We certainly intend to battle our

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way towards the front of the field in 2018. It will mean hard work for the whole team, but I welcome the challenge.”

### **About DEKRA**

*DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2017, DEKRA estimates to have generated sales totalling approximately 3.1 billion Euros. The company currently employs more than 43,000 people in more than 50 countries on all five continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.*