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Another successful DTM test for BMW Motorsport in Lausitz.

Munich/Klettwitz, 13th October 2011. BMW Motorsport has completed a further three-day test at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz (DE) as part of its preparations for the 2012 DTM season. The three-day session once again saw BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW Team RBM and BMW Team RMG put three newly developed BMW M3 DTM cars to the test. Alongside BMW works drivers August Farfus (BR), Andy Priaulx (GB), Jörg Müller (DE) and Dirk Werner (DE), René Rast (DE), Jean-Karl Vernay (FR) and Richie Stanaway (NZ) were also given the chance to test the BMW M3 DTM.

While the weather at the previous test sessions had largely been pleasant and warm, the teams were this time greeted by unsettled conditions at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz. The mornings were characterised by cool temperatures and rain showers, after which the circuit always dried out quickly. However, this allowed BMW to gather important information and data on the car's performance in cool and unsettled conditions, as it continues to prepare for the coming season. The work carried out by the BMW teams included tyre tests, work on the rear-axle kinematics, and system tests.

The tests once again ran smoothly and BMW was able to successfully complete the scheduled test programme. The three BMW M3 DTM cars completed a total 388 laps of the 3.478-kilometre track on the first day, 380 on day two, and 334 laps on the third and final day.

Andy Priaulx (GB): "I think we have made very good progress again. It has been a very productive test. We again tested some very important things for the future. Personally I am very, very pleased with the job BMW are doing. Everything they bring to the package is a positive. Obviously it is not possible to judge our performance compared to our opposition until the first race. But I am definitely very happy with the set-up so far."

Augusto Farfus (BR): "The test was fantastic. It is always nice to get the chance to drive the DTM car. As the season approaches, every test is becoming crucial. We were lucky with the weather, as we got more dry runs than expected. We are getting more and more understanding of the car and have a good pace. Now we have to keep the momentum and continue to work in that direction. However, I am already very impressed by the good job everybody is doing at BMW Motorsport and in the teams."

Dirk Werner (DE): "I am really happy with the test. I have developed a very good feeling for the BMW M3 DTM. At this test, we had no issues at all and were able to get through an extensive programme. It was also interesting to drive the car in cool and changing conditions. Once more we collected a lot of data and information."

Jörg Müller (DE): "We were able to push on well with our further development programme, and can be very happy with the test days, as we made good progress. It was also beneficial to be able to test on a wet track. Who knows when we will next



get this opportunity? At least we now know what to expect when it rains. We are bang on schedule.”

René Rast (DE): “I really enjoyed the test. It was a superb experience. I felt very comfortable in the team and learned a lot. In general I am happy with my performance. I think I did what was expected of me. The car is good-natured and fun to drive. The dynamics and powerful brakes, in particular, are a bit different to the cars I have driven in the past, but I was able to adapt quickly and keep pushing myself to the limit.”

Jean-Karl Vernay (FR): “It was great to be here and have the opportunity to test the BMW DTM car. It was my first real test in a touring car. The BMW M3 DTM is amazing, it has so much grip and downforce. I think that my lap times were okay, I was able to improve them as the test progressed. I had a great feeling for the car.”

Richie Stanaway (NZ): “This test was a great experience for me. Ever since I was young I have always wanted to drive a DTM car. It was great to experience what it was like, to work in such a professional environment, and to see the way the team operates. The difference between a Formula car and a DTM car is quite big. It weighs nearly twice as much and the downforce level, the corner speed and the braking points are different to Formula 3. As such, I had to adjust my driving style a little bit. But I think that my performance was quite solid.”

The BMW M3 DTM had its official Roll-Out at the BMW test facility in Aschheim on 4th July. On 15th July it was presented to the public for the first time at the DTM event in Munich. Andy Priaux and Augusto Farfus have already been confirmed as BMW works drivers for the 2012 DTM season.

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