

Press Release

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Knorr-Bremse extends truck racing deal with Jochen Hahn

Ever since 2003, Jochen Hahn has been contesting the European Truck Race Championship with Knorr-Bremse as a sponsor. Now this successful partnership has been extended by another two years. The parties signed the new contract following the weekend's racing in Most in the Czech Republic.

Knorr-Bremse has been backing this likeable truck racer from southern Germany since 2001, initially providing technical input before becoming an official sponsor of *Team Hahn Racing* in 2003. Jochen Hahn had stepped into the racing shoes of his father Konrad in 2000. After years of steady progress he notched up his first prestigious European Championship titles in 2011 and 2012.

Hahn's rise to the top has been no coincidence. Truck racing is not only challenging for the driver but above all for the truck technology and the people who design and build it. That's why Knorr-Bremse provides all-round support for the high-performance disc brakes on Jochen Hahn's truck. In return the company benefits from valuable data on the performance of these series-production brakes under the extreme loads they are subjected to on the track – data that are fed into the ongoing development and optimization process. Unlike in Formula 1, only series production parts can be used in this championship.

Following the signing of the contracts in Munich, Jochen Hahn reported how "the whole team is delighted at the continuing involvement of one of our most important partners. Knorr-Bremse has not only provided us with technical and financial support for many years now but also looked after us and our interests at a personal level."

This season too, Hahn is right up there with the leaders. He is currently engaged in a neck-and-neck duel with his long-standing rival Antonio Albacete: with three races to go, the Spaniard has his nose in front, but Jochen Hahn is just seven points behind.

With such a successful partner, Knorr-Bremse too is pleased to have agreed an early extension of the deal with Jochen Hahn by a further two seasons (2014/2015): "We're proud of this partnership with Jochen's team that now stretches back over ten years and proud that we've been able to play a part in his success," says Ansgar Fries, Member of the Board of Knorr-Bremse Commercial Vehicle Systems. "And of course we're keeping our fingers crossed for him to defend his title again."

The **Knorr-Bremse Group** is the world's leading manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles. For more than 100 years now the company has pioneered the development, production, marketing and servicing of state-of-the-art braking systems. In the rail vehicle systems sector, the product portfolio also includes intelligent door systems, HVAC systems, control components, and windscreen wiper systems, as well as platform screen doors, friction material and driver advisory systems. Knorr-Bremse also offers driving simulators and e-learning systems for optimum train crew training. In the commercial vehicle systems sector, the product range includes complete braking systems with driver assistance systems, as well as torsional vibration dampers, powertrain-related solutions and transmission control systems for enhanced energy efficiency and fuel economy.

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