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### **Double victory for Porsche 911 RSR in China**

**Stuttgart.** Important success for Porsche at the six-hour race in Shanghai: On the Grand Prix circuit at the outskirts of China's economic powerhouse, the 911 RSR fielded by the Porsche Manthey squad secured the second double victory of this year's Sports Car World Endurance Championship (WEC) in front of 45,000 spectators. Crossing the finish line as the winner after 167 laps were the French Porsche works drivers Frédéric Makowiecki and Patrick Pilet, with second place going to their factory pilot colleagues Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) and Richard Lietz (Austria). Currently ranking second in the manufacturers' championship, this success has enabled Porsche to make further headway in the fight for the title.

The double victory on the Shanghai International Circuit was the feather in the cap for a faultless performance from the entire team. Despite the adverse weather conditions during free practice, the 470 hp 911 RSR, which is based on the seventh generation of the iconic 911 sports car, could be perfectly set-up for the critical qualifying. There, the Porsche pilots locked out positions two and three, which they then turned into a dream result at Sunday's race. Patrick Pilet took the lead of the GT field in the final third of the race, shortly before that Jörg Bergmeister had overtaken the Ferrari in front. They held on to these positions to the flag – to bring home the second double victory for Porsche since the season-opener at Silverstone.

Star gymnast Marcel Nguyen had witnessed Porsche's success directly from the pits. The two-time silver medallist at the 2012 Olympic Games and 2012/13 World Cup overall winner, who attended the Shanghai race as Porsche's VIP guest, is a huge

motorsport fan and drives a Porsche Cayman GTS. He trains regularly in China and enjoys almost a pop star status amongst fans here. This was very evident at the traditional autograph session before the race, where his signature was equally as in demand as the popular race drivers.

### Comments on the race

**Wolfgang Hatz**, Board Member for Research and Development Porsche AG: “That was a perfect weekend. The second double victory – you can’t wish for more than that. This has helped us take a big step towards the manufacturers’ championship and we will head to the final two races in Bahrain and Sao Paulo totally committed in our fight for the title.”

**Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser**, Head of Porsche Motorsport: “We’re of course very pleased. That was a real sprint race and a tough fight over six hours. The team, drivers and engineers did everything perfectly. This has put us back in the fight for the championship and we’ll be heading to the next race in Bahrain more motivated than ever.”

**Patrick Pilet (Porsche 911 RSR #92)**: “My first WEC win – it’s about time. The race today was perfect for us, everything ran smoothly. We had a great car, perfect pit stops and the right strategy. Now I’m looking forward to Bahrain.”

**Frédéric Makowiecki (Porsche 911 RSR #92)**: “What a day. The team did a flawless job today and can be proud of this result. Our 911 RSR was well balanced and consistently fast right from the start. That was without doubt one of our best races.”

**Jörg Bergmeister (Porsche 911 RSR #91)**: “This is a dream result for Porsche. It’s not only important for our comeback in the manufacturers’ championship, Fred has also taken a big step forward in the fight for the drivers’ title. Now anything is possible in the battle for the trophy.”

**Richard Lietz (Porsche 911 RSR #91)**: “That was a really tough race where we had to manage the tyres well. The mechanics did a great job in changing the tyres. First and second – what a dream result and it’ll inspire us even more for the rest of the season.”

**Marcel Nguyen**, world class gymnast: “Such a six-hour race is really nerve-wracking, and I was only a bystander. I’m over the moon about Porsche’s double victory. I got to know the drivers well over the last days and I witnessed their preparations for this critical race first hand. It was really fascinating for me to be so close to the action. Congratulations on this superb team effort.”

The seventh of eight races on the Sports Car World Endurance Championship WEC calendar takes place on 15 November in Sakhir/Bahrain.

### **Race result**

#### **GTE-Pro class**

1. Makowiecki/Pilet (F/F), Porsche 911 RSR, 167 laps
2. Bergmeister/Lietz (D/A), Porsche 911 RSR, 167
3. Rigon/Calado (I/GB), Ferrari F458 Italia, 166
4. MacDowall/O’Young/Rees (GB/HK/BRA), Aston Martin Vantage, 166
5. Turner/Mücke (GB/D), Aston Martin Vantage, 123

#### **GTE-Am class**

1. Lamy/Dalla Lana/Nygaard (P/CAN/DK), Aston Martin Vantage, 165 laps
2. Poulsen/Heinemeier-Hansson/Stanaway (DK/DK/NZ), Aston Martin, 165
3. Roda/Ruberti/Cressoni (I/I/I), Ferrari F 458 Italia, 164
4. Collard/Perrodo/Vaxivière (FRA/FRA/FRA), Porsche 911 RSR, 163
5. Ried/Henzler/Al Qubaisi (D/D/UAE), Porsche 911 RSR, 161

### **Points standings after 6 of 8 races**

#### **World Endurance Cup GT driver**

1. Giancarlo Bruni, Toni Vilander (Ferrari) 131 points
3. Frédéric Makowiecki (Porsche) 106.5
4. Richard Lietz (Porsche) 91
5. Patrick Pilet (Porsche) 80.5
6. Jörg Bergmeister (Porsche) 79

### World Cup Manufacturer GTE

1. Ferrari 221 points
2. Porsche 214
3. Aston Martin 169

### FIA Endurance Trophy GTE-Pro Teams

1. AF Corse (Ferrari) 131 points
2. Porsche Team Manthey (Porsche #92) 120
3. Porsche Team Manthey (Porsche #91) 102
4. Aston Martin Racing (Aston Martin) 93

### The Sports Car World Endurance Championship WEC

Sports prototypes and GT vehicles contest the WEC (Sports Car World Endurance Championship) in four classes: LMP1 (e.g. Porsche 919 Hybrid), LMP2, LMGTE-Pro (e.g. 911 RSR) and LMGTE-Am (e.g. 911 RSR). They all compete together in one race but are classified separately.

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