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### **Truck racing 2018: febi sponsors Team Schwabentruck**

Ensuring that the trucks deliver top performance on the circuit: that is the aim of both febi bilstein and the racing drivers, which is why the spare parts specialist has been supporting professional truck racing since 2016. The well-known brand for car and commercial vehicle spare parts will continue to stay loyal to this fast and furious sport – as the sponsor of “Team Schwabentruck”.

febi has sponsored Gerd Körber in each of the last two seasons. However, after 30 years in the racing business, the driver from southern Germany now slowly wants to take a step back from truck racing. Because febi has already collaborated closely with Körber’s racing team Schwabentruck, a direct sponsor partnership has been agreed between the two.

The team’s new lead driver is Steffi Halm, who in 2017 was ranked 4th in the drivers standings of the FIA European Truck Racing Championship (ETRC). The 33-year-old has been competing in the world of motor racing since 1993 and has been driving in the FIA Truck Racing series since 2015 – first in a MAN, then in an IVECO Stralis from 2018. “Together with our customers who we invite to the races, we are looking forward to the exciting events that have already been announced – and maybe a few podium places too,” says Karsten Schüßler-Bilstein, Managing Director of Ferdinand Bilstein GmbH + Co. KG.

Fans will still have the opportunity to cheer on Gerd Körber in 2018: “Mr Truck Race” will be competing in Misano (Italy) and at the Nürburgring (Germany) as a race-by-race driver for Team Schwabentruck.

In the drivers standings, the team will again be competing alongside Jochen Hahn Racing as “The Bulls of IVECO Magirus”. They finished runners-up together in last year’s European Championship.

In addition to sponsoring the Schwabentruck team, febi also supports it with spare parts. As part of a technology partnership, the racing experts, led by team founder Georg Glöckner, are continuously testing the suitability of products for use in truck racing. For example, commercial febi brake discs were used in races last season and were thereby able to demonstrate their suitability under extreme conditions. febi also supplied wheel nuts that have been specially developed for motor sports.

“In febi bilstein, we not only have a sponsor on board but also a company and partner that is an expert in trucks and high-quality spare parts,” says team manager Wilfried Schmid. “We share one common objective: to push the limits of performance in order to achieve the perfect result.”

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