



## Pressemitteilung Nr. 5

# SMITH SECURES MITTELRHEIN CUP 'POLE'

## Reigning Champ sets blistering Qualifying pace

Ryan Smith was on top form for the first official Qualifying session of the weekend at Nürburgring, the MAN driver posting a best time of 1m.56.850s (111.805km/h) to secure pole position for Friday's opening Mittelrhein Cup race.

David Jenkins in the MV Commercials MAN will line up alongside Smith on the front row of the grid with a time 0.532s slower than the flying Smith.

Luke Taylor (whose team had to work late on Thursday to solve some technical troubles) posted an impressive third fastest time in the Rooster Racing MAN – just 0.162s behind Jenkins – and Jamie Anderson made it an all-MAN lockout for the first two rows.

Best of the rest was Stuart Oliver (Volvo) who will line up in fifth spot alongside Simon Reid (Iveco), while Nürburgring local hero Heinz-Werner Lenz was best of the non-British entrants as he secured seventh position on the grid.

Richard Collett (MAN) and Martin Gibson (Scania) were next fastest while Luke Garrett (the quickest of the BTRA Division 2 drivers) completed the top ten in his MAN.

“It's going to be a tough weekend for the whole team here in Germany” explained Smith at the end of the Qualifying. “As we're racing in both the FIA European Championship and the all the Mittelrhein Cup races it's going to be almost non-stop for us right through until Sunday evening. But pole for the Mittelrhein Cup is the first of my targets that we've achieved...next stop is to get on the podium!”