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## Hat-Trick Achieved: Jochen Hahn – European Truck Racing Champion 2013!

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Jochen did it yet again: For the third time in a row, the race driver from Altensteig secured himself the crown of the European truck sport. At the final round, Hahn ranked himself to the top of the overall standings after the third of four races. After the last championship race of the season, the MAN pilot was then celebrated as old and new European champion.



The weekend on the famous French race track started promisingly for the driver whose race truck already displayed the number 1 for the last two years. At the qualifying under drizzling weather conditions, Jochen Hahn got hold of the second position on the grid. The inaugural race was also quite satisfactory to the German: Jochen passed the Hungarian Norbert Kiss who had started from the pole position and thus obtained a great point of departure for the further course of the decisive showdown.



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The start of the second run was quite turbulent. A minor wrangling caused a flat tire on the truck of his teammate René Reinert. As a consequence, the haulage entrepreneur was not able to participate at the restart. Due to the reversed grid, Jochen Hahn started from eighth position on the grid and was able to pass Markus Oestreich shortly before finishing the eleven-lap distance and to rank seventh.



According to his own statement, Jochen Hahn started the day of the decision "at ease". Achieving the top position, the result of the timed practice was the same as the day before: Norbert Kiss accomplished the fastest lap time, the title contender ranked second. Despite the tremendous pressure, the competitors managed to carry out a "clean race" with just some minor incidents. Just like on Saturday, Jochen passed Norbert Kiss shortly before crossing the finish line and thus accomplished the second victory of this memorable weekend.



It became clear that Jochen would be able to win the title for the third time with a bit of luck. At the finale he "just" had to finish being in sight of his competitor Antonio Albacete – in the end he was successful in doing so. Castrol Team Hahn Racing wins the championship at the last race of the 2013 season! After the official FIA closing ceremony, the team celebrated the title into the wee hours with a cheerful party.



Castrol Team Hahn Racing and Jochen Hahn at the steering wheel of the green and white MAN race truck thus accomplished what has only been achieved twice before in the history of the European Truck Racing Championship since its early stages in 1985 and for the first time since the Super-Race-Trucks class was abolished: they won the title hat-trick.



Yet before the European championship was managed by the FIA, Curt Göransson and his Volvo race truck won the Class-B title three times in a row between 1988 and 1990. From 1997 to 1999, Heinz-Werner Lenz and his Mercedes won the Race-Trucks class three times consecutively – and now, Jochen Hahn and Castrol Team Hahn Racing secured themselves the number 1 for the third time in succession by another successful title defense.



An exceptional victory that will surely enter the history books of this truck motorsport.



After this renewed triumph, Jochen Hahn thanked his team, his partners and all other helpers who supported the team throughout the season.

