

Hyundai Motorsport set to field trio of New Generation i20 WRCs at WRC Rally Sweden

- *Hyundai Motorsport will compete with three New Generation i20 WRC cars for the first time at next week's Rally Sweden, second round of the 2016 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC)*
- *Following its third place finish in the season-opener at Rallye Monte-Carlo last month, the team heads to Sweden with fond memories, having last year achieved a podium finish.*

Feb. 5, 2016 – Fresh from its podium finish in the season-opening round of the 2016 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) at Monte-Carlo, Hyundai Motorsport moves to Sweden Rally (Feb.11~14) where it will compete with three New Generation i20 WRC cars for the first time.

The New Generation i20 WRC made a successful debut at Rallye Monte-Carlo helping the team to take its first ever Monte stage wins and a third place finish.

Hyundai Motorsport will now seek to put the New Generation i20 WRC through its paces on the snowy stages of Rally Sweden, where Thierry Neuville secured its debut podium of the 2015 season, with a three-car entry.

Monte-Carlo podium men Thierry Neuville will be joined by Hayden Paddon. In addition, Dani Sordo will participate in their first ever Rally Sweden as Hyundai Motorsport drivers this season in a third New Generation i20 WRC.

Team Principal Michel Nandan said: *"We visit Sweden in good spirits following our podium in Monte-Carlo but we know this will be another learning experience for our New Generation i20 WRC. We will be running three new cars for the first time in this rally to show great performances and technology credentials in Sweden, hoping to be on pace with the front-runners from the outset."*



This year's Rally Sweden will cover 331.21km over 21 stages, starting with the traditional Super Special at the Karlstad trotting track on Thursday night where huge crowds will gather. Drivers will rally across two countries on Friday with a total of eight stages straddling Sweden and Norway.

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About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities and primarily for its World Rally Championship programme. Based in Alzenau on the outskirts of Frankfurt in Germany, the company embarked on its debut season in the FIA World Rally Championship in 2014 with a bespoke team of skilled staff and a brand new car, the Hyundai i20 WRC. The team made a strong impression in its first year claiming podium results in Mexico and Poland, as well as a memorable 1-2 in Germany. In its second season, the team was involved in a closely fought battle for second place in the Manufacturers' Championship, adding more podiums and stage wins to its tally. For its third season in WRC, Hyundai Motorsport has developed a brand new car, the New Generation i20 WRC, which made its rally debut with a podium finish in Rallye Monte-Carlo in January 2016.

Further information about Hyundai Motorsport is available at: <http://motorsport.hyundai.com>

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