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LOTUS CUP EUROPE IS GO!

Lotus Cup Europe's second season under the control of LoTRDC gets underway this weekend (1 May) at the fabled Nurburgring circuit in Germany with what promises to be a grid of close to forty competitors – that's an amazing three-fold increase in numbers since LoTRDC took charge of the Group Lotus-sanctioned series at the beginning of last season!

Aimed at both experienced drivers and newcomers to the sport, Lotus Cup Europe features four classes divided between Lotus's successful trackday warrior, the 2-Eleven, Exige and Production classes, plus an Invitation class for anything else Elise-based such as the 340R. As you would expect, last years' overall winner Scott Cruickshank (Aberdeen, Scotland) competed in the 2-Eleven class.

With many newcomers to Lotus Cup Europe this year, the 2-Eleven class has been boosted to no less than 18 cars of which 14 will start in Germany, including last years top driver Scott Cruickshank. There are a number of new drivers to the 2-Eleven class including Frank Berger who will be looking to impress as he makes his LCE debut at his home circuit.

The Exige class too has a record entry of 10 cars and the Brothers Rasse (John & Gregory) will no doubt be to the fore again, whilst just like Berger, Herbert Metzker will be looking to fly the flag for Germany on home turf.

The Production class is less predictable, but French, German and Austrian competitors will join the usual band of competitors from the British-based Elise Trophy for the first time. James Knight was the most consistent driver in 2009 and no doubt will be looking to repeat his success.

The Invitation too welcomes new arrivals, with Moritz Hannappel and Sebastian Schwertner looking forward to the challenge.

The Nurburgring race will be the first of seven events in five countries on the 2010 Lotus Cup Europe Calendar, and with average grids of 40 cars expected at all rounds, action-packed racing is assured!

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