



**„Ja zum Nürburgring“ e.V.**  
Gemeinnützige Initiative zur Förderung des Nürburgrings

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## **Support Group Nürburgring (Förderkreis Nürburgring)**

Dear Fans of the Nürburgring Race Track,

Unfortunately, we have not been able to prevent the highest-bidding sale of the race track yet. Therefore, we consider it important to assess the current situation, and to point out perspectives, in particular, the foundation of the Support Group Nürburgring.

### **The current Situation**

Regrettably, we could not prevent the start of the sales process for the race track. The required unrestricted support by the state government of Rhineland-Palatinate and the insolvency administrators largely failed to materialize, so that our talks in Brussels degenerated to mere token gestures.

It was five past twelve, when finally a new state law was passed to preserve the intended purpose of the Nürburgring, which is supposed to grant free access to the race track at adequate cost. The law, however, has been designed so broadly, that it will fail to achieve its desired purpose. It constitutes nothing more than an empty shell without precise and binding rules for a future owner/operator. Manifold and long lasting legal disputes are foreseeable in case the race track would get into the wrong hands. The law completely lacks a relation to the region, whose support had been the initial reason for the construction and almost 90 years long

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operation of the Nürburgring. Also the aim “adequate cost” for the motorsport was not achieved. The operator is completely free in his pricing.

Hence, without real need substantial objectives of the legendary sports complex of the Nürburgring are surrendered to the discretion of a private investor.

### **Finding a suitable buyer**

While we continue to pursue the separation of the race track from the sales process we will at the same time do everything to prevent the race track from falling into the wrong hands. If a sale cannot be avoided, the race track should be owned by a buyer, who is oriented towards common good, and who feels obliged to mass sports and the region. Aside from the foregoing of profits, the long lasting preservation and the willingness to carry out necessary maintenance are indispensable to secure an enduring and viable solution.

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Should a contender win the bid who matches our vision of preservation and operation oriented towards common good, and who disposes of the necessary funding, we would consider this as the best solution, of course. For all other cases we have decided to enter as a contender ourselves. For this purpose, we have founded the **Sponsor Group Nürburgring (Förderkreis Nürburgring)**. This group shall provide funding

- to act as a buyer on its own, or
- to act as a buyer together with a contender matching our vision, or
- to support a corresponding contender by purchasing special rights and hence gaining influence

As a first step, a noncommittal participation form in the Sponsor Group Nürburgring (Förderkreis Nürburgring) is attached to this letter.

The future of the entire region and mass sports depends on what will now happen to the Nürburgring. The consequences will shape the situation for decades to come. Hence we will dedicate all our efforts to continue to search for a compatible solution, which will secure the existence of the Nürburgring as a structural measure for sports and region in the long run, and

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by this we mean decades.

All support is very welcome on this path.

Best regards,

Otto Flimm (President)

**Attachment: Participation form Sponsor Group Nürburgring (Förderkreis Nürburgring)**

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**Attachment to letter Support Group Nürburgring (Förderkreis Nürburgring):**

### **Participation Form**

Statement of participation in purchasing resp. shared purchasing resp. purchasing of special rights concerning the race track Nürburgring (short track and Nordschleife)

Hereby I/we declare our participation in the Sponsor Group Nürburgring

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am/we are prepared to participate with € \_\_\_\_\_

(in words \_\_\_\_\_)

This statement serves as a declaration of intent, which will be redeemed only, if an implementation concept will have been presented according to the intent of our letter dated July, 2013.

Which of the considered possible options would you prefer (multiple choices possible):

- Offer to purchase the race track
- Participation in the offer of an investor acting according to our vision
- Purchase of special rights from a buyer

Place, Date

Signature

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