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MINI ALL4 Racing and driver Harry Hunt 'wow' Goodwood Festival of Speed / MINI ALL4 Racing with British driver Harry Hunt tackles Goodwood Festival of Speed Hill Climb on their way to Dakar Rally 2016

Munich (DE). MINI ALL4 Racing driver Harry Hunt (GBR) started his journey to the Dakar Rally 2016 in spectacular style when he introduced his Dakar-ready MINI All4 Racing to the massive crowds attending the prestigious Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Invited to take part in the iconic Hill Climb event, Hunt drove his MINI ALL4 Racing and 'wowed' the crowds by demonstrating the same level of performance that has captured MINI with its MINI ALL4 Racing four previous Dakar Rally titles; and hopefully net a consecutive fifth title in 2016.

2016 will be the first time Hunt competes in the Dakar Rally but has already showcased his talent in a MINI ALL4 Racing with successful results in the 2015 FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies. In his first outing at the 2015 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Hunt earned a creditable third place.

Like all of the MINI ALL4 Racing crews to compete in the Dakar Rally 2016, London-based Hunt, 26, will have to pilot his MINI ALL4 Racing across 10,000 kilometres of challenging South American land mass taking in desert regions, mountains, sand dunes and salt flats in what is the ultimate orienteering and endurance test.

When Hunt and his MINI ALL4 Racing were not competing in the exciting Hill Climb they could be found at the substantial MINI exhibition, where the MINI ALL4 Racing proved to be a huge crowd-puller and the popular Hunt signed hundreds of autographs.

Talking about his 'home crowd' experience at Goodwood, Hunt said: "It is an incredible honour to be working with MINI and to have been centre stage on the stand at Goodwood Festival of Speed. To also be given the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the great and the good of motorsport by driving my Dakar MINI ALL4 Racing up the iconic Hill Climb was a dream come true.

"I know the challenge will be tough but I really hope I can live up to the expectation and pay back the faith MINI has shown in me with a good result at Dakar 2016."

Race calendar: 2015 FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies.

20/02 – 22/02 Baja Russia
27/03 – 02/04 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge
18/04 – 24/04 Sealine Cross-Country Rally Qatar
10/05 – 17/05 Pharaons Rally
25/06 – 28/06 Italian Baja
24/07 – 26/07 Baja Aragón
13/08 – 16/08 Hungarian Baja
27/08 – 30/08 Baja Poland
03/10 – 09/10 Rallye du Maroc
22/10 – 24/10 Baja Portalegre 500

Find more photos and videos in high resolution of the Dakar participants in the MINI ALL4 Racing on the BMW Media Website by [clicking here](#).

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