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The Renault Duster Team sets its sights on the Top 10 on the 2015 Dakar Rally

For its third participation on the legendary event, the official Renault Duster Team will compete in the 2015 edition of the Dakar, from the 4th to 17th of January, with two all-new cars and a power plant from the Renault-Nissan Alliance, with the objective of finishing in the Top 10.

Since 2013, Renault Argentina has entered in one of the most demanding and exhilarating events in the world : the Dakar Rally. 29th in the general classification in its maiden participation, the team capitalized on its experience in 2014 to finish 14th overall and fourth in class.

The two teams composed of Emiliano Spataro and Benjamín Lozada as well as José García and Mauricio Malano prepared for the Dakar by competing in three rounds of the Argentinian Rally Cross-Country Championship, taking a win and three runner-up results.

This year, Renault Sport Technologies is more than ever before supporting the squad in bringing all its expertise and latest innovations in to order to offer the two Dusters the best assets to finish in the Top 10.

To achieve this goal, the Renault Duster Team has two new Renault Dusters provided with cutting-edge technologies. More modern and powerful, the vehicles are equipped with V8 engines from the Renault-Nissan Alliance, producing 380 brake horsepower. Renault Argentina is also reinforcing its logistics and its race team providing optimized technical support in Argentina, Chile and Bolivia, the countries that will be crossed for the 2015 edition.

All along the rally, the affiliate will be in action in order to allow the public to meet the drivers and get a close look at the Renault Duster. At the same, thanks to an agreement with Amaury Sport Organization, a limited edition Renault Duster Dakar will be introduced in Argentina.

*“At Renault Sport Technologies, we like all types of challenges and the Dakar Rally is one of the biggest of our time”, declares **Christophe Chapelain, Competition Technical Manager at Renault Sport Technologies.** “We have attentively followed the progress of the Renault Duster Team since their debut in 2013. Our involvement in this project is logical ; we will be able to bring innovative technical solutions while also demonstrating the innate off-road qualities of the Duster throughout the first two weeks of January.”*

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