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### **BENTAYGA READY TO RACE TO THE CLOUDS**

- **Bentley Bentayga ready for Pikes Peak International Hill Climb**
- **Six-month development programme completed**
- **Bentayga targets production SUV record**
- **Two-time champion Rhys Millen confident of high performance**

**(Crewe, 18 June 2018)** After a six-month preparation and development programme, a race-ready Bentley Bentayga is in Colorado and ready to take on the 96<sup>th</sup> running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb this weekend.

Along the exceptionally challenging 12.42-mile course, which features 156 corners and a 4,720 ft climb, the Bentayga will have to average a minimum of 60 mph to achieve its target – to claim the outright Production SUV record. Tackling the challenge will be two-time overall Pikes Peak champion Rhys Millen, whose race team has been working tirelessly with Bentley Motorsport this year to prepare the car for “The Race to The Clouds”.

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The combination of 600 bhp engine, adaptive air suspension and 48V electric active anti-roll control makes the Bentayga the perfect challenger for the SUV record. As a competitor in the Production class, minimal changes have been permitted. The car features a roll cage, fire suppression system and racing seat, plus new tyres selected from Pirelli’s DOT-marked range. Around 300 kg of interior trim has been temporarily removed for the event as stipulated by the rules, but in all other respects the Bentayga is a standard W12-powered production car. A sports exhaust from Akrapovic completes the specification of the car, which is finished in eye-catching Radium Satin



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paintwork and Bentley's Styling Specification kit – adding a carbon fibre front splitter, diffuser, side skirts and aerodynamic rear spoiler.

Bentley's Director of Motorsport, Brian Gush, comments:

"Our preparation for the event has been extremely thorough, and our Bentley Motorsport race engineers have produced a car that demonstrates the Bentayga's inherent potential to the full. It's now up to Rhys to drive the best run possible – but after his performances in testing, we have every confidence in him. The weather is the one factor we can't control so we're hoping for a clear Sunday morning."

Driver Rhys Millen comments:

"We've honed the Bentayga's incredible abilities and ensured we have a car for Pikes Peak that's both safe and fast through two very productive test sessions with the Bentley Motorsport team. The course is one you can only attack with a car that can gain and lose speed very quickly, because it's so tight and twisty. The combination of 600 bhp, 664 lb ft (900 Nm) and carbon ceramic brakes means that the Bentayga can accelerate and decelerate incredibly hard – and that's what I'll be counting on for my run. I can't wait to get started at the mountain later this week."

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For this unique challenge of performance, speed and precision, Bentley has once again partnered with Mobil 1, who provide engine oils for the Bentley range. With the stresses of full-load performance at high altitude, only the highest quality engine oil will protect the engine and allow it to perform faultlessly, delivering the power that Millen will need to break the record. The engine is filled with the same Mobil 1 oil used across the Bentayga range.



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### Notes to editors

Bentley Motors is the most sought after luxury car brand in the world. The company's headquarters in Crewe is home to all of its operations including design, R&D, engineering and production of the company's four model lines, Continental, Flying Spur, Bentayga and Mulsanne. The combination of fine craftsmanship, using skills that have been handed down through generations, alongside engineering expertise and cutting-edge technology is unique to UK luxury car brands such as Bentley. It is also an example of high-value British manufacturing at its best. Bentley employs around 4,000 people at Crewe.

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