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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 9 **Document No:** 2.11

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor EAMONN BOLAND of car No. 28
Crew EAMONN BOLAND / MJ
All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with photo evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts On Friday 22nd November 2024 at 20:20:47, the crew of car No. 28 did not stop at TC 9B Parc Fermé OUT – Service IN but drove straight to Service B after checking-in at 20:18 at TC9A – Technical Zone and Parc Fermé IN. However, the check-in time of 20:28 at TC9B that was written on the time card was not entered by a marshal.

Offence Breach of Articles 19.3.2, 19.3.3, 44.2 and 59.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision (1) Driver EAMONN BOLAND and Co-driver MJ shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a fine of **€ 1,000.00**
(2) To impose a time penalty of **30 minutes** on car No. 28 to be applied at TC 16B

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason On the time card of crew No. 28, the time of 20:28 was written in the box TC9B. The data provided by the FIA tracking system showed that car No. 28 went through TC9B at 20:20:47. However, the marshal on duty at TC9B reported to the Clerk of the Course that car No. 28 did not stop at TC9B, and therefore he could not fill in the time of 20:28 on the time card.

In application of Art. 19.3.3 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the Clerk of the Course reported the incident to the Stewards for their consideration.

A hearing was held on Saturday 23rd November 2024 at 20.10 hrs in the presence of the driver Eamonn Boland, the co-driver "MJ" and the Team Manager Mr. Dommy Buckley.

Mr. MJ stated that he had been unwell throughout the day and had arrived at TC9B exhausted. At the Technical Zone he had opened the boot for the scrutineers, who performed the tyre checks.

After that, he got confused once back in the car and instructed the driver to go directly through TC9B to enter Flexi Service B.

At the service bay, he took his time card to check his service exit time (TC9C) and at that moment he realised that he had missed TC9B.

He then filled in the time 20:28 on his time card, as the crew and car could not return to TC9B.

He knew that this was not the correct procedure and he apologised for his lapse.

As stipulated in Art. 19.3.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, "the

appropriate marshal is the only person allowed to make entries on the time card, except for the section marked "for competitor's use".

Furthermore, Art. 44.2.4 stipulates that *the check-in time corresponds to the exact moment at which one of the crew members hands the time card to the appropriate marshal.*

The crew of car No. 28 passed through TC9B without giving the time card to the appropriate marshal.

It has furthermore to be noted that also the minimum time of 10 minutes for the technical zone must be respected, as written on the time card and as stipulated in Art. 59.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards concluded that to write a wrong time on the time card by a crew member is a serious breach of the regulations.

Furthermore, the crew have to respect the 10 minutes at the Technical Zone.

Under the above circumstances and considerations, the Stewards determined that the two cumulated penalties as imposed are proportional in this case.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani
The Stewards



Wayne Christie



Kunihiro Tabata

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	DOMMY BUCKLEY	<i>Date:</i>	24.11.2024
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Time:</i>	09:35

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