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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 3**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor vehicle **No 238** Name: **JUSTIN BIRCHALL**

Crew: **JUSTIN BIRCHALL / ANDY POWELL**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. 6.2), having summoned and heard the Team Manager (Mr. Kevin Clark), having examined the different elements presented, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The restrictor of Car No 238 was found not in compliance with Art. 285-5.1.3.1 of the Appendix J of the FIA 2025 ISC.

Decision: *** To disqualify Competitor Car No. 238 from the BP ULTIMATE RALLY RAID PORTUGAL 2025.**
*** To amend the Classifications accordingly.**

Reason: As stipulated in Art. 285-5.1.3.1 of Appendix J of the FIA 2025 ISC, all engines must be fitted with an air restrictor. All the air necessary to feed the engine must pass through this restrictor, which must comply with Article 284-6.1 of Appendix J of the FIA 2025 ISC. For standard vehicles with normally aspirated petrol engines, the maximum internal diameter is 39 mm.

According to the FIA Technical Delegate Report, the air restrictor on car #238 exceeds the permitted maximum diameter. During the hearing, the team manager stated that the air restrictor had been manufactured by an external supplier based on FIA diagrams, and that he was unaware of the discrepancy. He accepted the measurement taken by the FIA Technical Delegate using a calibrated gauge and apologised.

In view of the clear provisions of the relevant regulations, the Stewards concluded that it was indeed up to the Competitor to ensure that the restrictor was compliant during BP ULTIMATE RALLY RAID PORTUGAL 2025. If the Competitor wishes, he can ask the Technical Delegate or scrutineers during the pre-event scrutineering to check the restrictor.

In this such case only disqualification of the Car #238 may be granted.

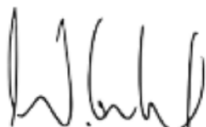
The Stewards decision is based on FIA 2025 ISC Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.i, Art. 11.9.3.j and Art. 12.4.1.m.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



Jordi PARRO

Chair of the Panel of Stewards



Wolfgang GASTORFER

FIA Steward



Paulo LAGINHA

ASN Steward

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

Name (in block letters):	KEVIN CLARK	Date:	28.09.2025
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	11:00