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Subject: STEWARDS Decision No. 03

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From: The Stewards
To: All Competitors

The Stewards, having received a report from FIA Race Director, regarding #10 Mikko Ikonen in the FIA European Rallycross Championship, having examined the report and viewed video evidence, determine the following:

Driver and car No: #10 Mikko Ikonen

Competitor: BETOMIK RACING

Time (fact): 10:30

Fact: Driving in Reverse Direction

Session: Practice

Offence: Breach of the rules as defined in article 12.2.1.h. of the FIA International Sporting Code, and specifically in violation of Appendix L, Chapter V and Article 4 of the General Prescriptions applicable to the International Rallycross Competitions and to the FIA Rallycross Championships

Decision: Warning

Reason: After having reviewed the MVRC evidence of the incident during the practise, summonsed and heard from the driver and team representative the stewards find that #10 following a spin drove in the opposite direction of the track and made a contact with #50 after T11.

Having spun between T11 and T12 #10 was initially off the racing line resulting in a yellow flag and during the manoeuvre to correct his position drove to the racing line however another competitor had avoided contact at this point. Believing it was safe to do so #10 continued to manoeuvre to turn the car however this took him closer to T11 when #50 took the turn having seemingly decelerated in response to the single yellow made unavoidable contact for him with #10 as #10 would have been unsighted. #10 explained that due to the positioning of his car he believed the incident was under double yellows, which the Stewards noted was a single flag, and the driver advised that he also understood that the light panel still showed green as this had been a delayed reaction in activating the panel in this instance.

Having considered all that has been said and having spoken with the Race Director and Driver Advisor the Stewards consider that this incident was avoidable by #10 who should have pre-empted other car(s) on track and manoeuvred his car as safely as possible. By moving nearer to the turn, he was unsighted, and the other driver was unable to avoid the collision in this instance.

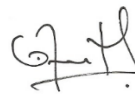
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



Cheryl LYNCH
Chairperson of the Stewards



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Name (in block letters):		Time:	12:00 Ack, 12:43
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