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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 4	Document No:	2.5

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor KARAN PATEL of car No. 25
Crew KARAN PATEL / TAUSEEF KHAN

All Competitors / crew members

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

Facts Failure by the crew addressed above to activate the OK display on the FIA Safety tracking device within one minute after stopping on SS7 (Kedong 2) on 23.06.2023 at 16:18 hrs.

Offence Breach of Art. 53.3.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision Having considered that Mr. KARAN PATEL is a FIA priority 2 driver, Driver KARAN PATEL and Co-driver TAUSEEF KHAN shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 1000**.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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 The crew was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the OK display within one minute in the heat of the moment. The Competitor decided to make representations in front of the Stewards.

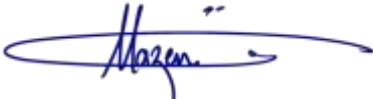

Team Manager (KIRAN PATEL) and Mechanic (ROBERT WARMISHAM) appeared in front of the Stewards on Friday June 23rd at 19:10 hrs; Co-driver (TAUSEEF KHAN) joined the hearing via phone as he was back at his hotel.

The Co-driver stated that the crew had a puncture on SS7 (Kedong 2) and he pressed the OK button on the FIA Tracking System before exiting the car to repair the puncture. At a certain stage, the Co-driver noticed that the FIA Tracking System was still prompting the Crew for an acknowledgement, which the Co-driver confirmed by pressing the OK button once again.

The FIA Tracking System reports that Car 25 stopped on SS7 at 16:18:51 and continued at 16:24:18. The Crew acknowledged their stoppage as OK at 16:20:24. The reaction time by the Crew is logged at 00:01:32 and is therefore 32 seconds above the 1-minute threshold.

Art. 53.3.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations explains the procedures that the Crew must undertake in case of stoppage of their car on a special stage whether temporarily or permanently. The Crew must acknowledge the status of the stoppage within one minute of being prompted to do so on the FIA Tracking System. A fine is therefore applied for this infringement.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.


Mazen Al-Hilli
The Stewards
Tanja Geilhausen
John Kamau

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KIRAN PATEL	<i>Date:</i>	24.6.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	10:05

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