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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor MARTIN PROKOP of car No. 46
Crew Martin PROKOP / Michal ERNST

All Competitors / crew members

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

Facts The crew of Car No. 46 stopped inside the Refuelling Zone RZ5 and started to change tyres, thus blocking the passage of two following cars.

Offence Breach of Article 61.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision **1-minute time penalty** on the Competitor of car No. 46, to be applied at TC 15C

Reason The Stewards summoned and heard from the Driver Mr. Martin PROKOP and the Team Manager Mr. Quirin MÜLLER of Car No. 46 on Saturday 3rd June 2023 at 21:20 hrs.

The Driver of Car No. 46 explained that when they arrived in the Refuelling Zone RZ5, the zone was full of cars. They therefore decided, as they would be standing there waiting for their refuelling slot, that they could also change the tyres there instead of doing it after the refuelling as the time for the road section was quite tight and they were afraid to run out of time due to the traffic inside the refuelling zone. The Driver asked the Co-driver whether they were outside the refuelling zone and the co-driver confirmed.

The driver admitted that their car was blocking the entrance of the refuelling zone for other cars while they were changing the tyres, but since all the refuelling slots were full, he thought that the other following cars would have had to wait for a free slot anyway. He furthermore stated that no other driver had complained about being blocked.

After changing the tyres, the crew proceeded to the refuelling zone as the situation inside the zone had improved in the meantime to a point that they immediately got a free slot to refuel their car. They also managed to reach the next time control on time.

The Stewards, after having investigated all the evidence available and also having re-heard the marshals on-site, who clearly confirmed that the tyre change took place after the entrance sign of the Refuelling Zone, conclude that the crew was in breach of Art. 61.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which stipulates that only actions inside a RZ directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle are permitted.

Taking into account that with this tyre change in the refuelling zone the crew gained a time advantage for the road section and also considering that the crew had hindered other crews on entering the refuelling zone, the Stewards decided to impose a time-penalty.

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.



Silver Kütt
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



Alice Scutellà

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	QUIRIN MÜLLER	<i>Date:</i>	4.6.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	1:30

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