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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION NO. 14 **Document No:** 2.15

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 13
Crew GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER / LOUIS LOUKA

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a request from the competitor mentioned above, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The above addressed competitor of Car No. 13 requested the allocation of a new time on SS8 where he caught car No. 7 in front of him.

Decision The time of competitor No. 13 on SS8 is **not** amended.

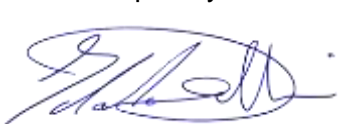
Reason Competitor No. 13 stated that he was slowed down on SS8 when he caught car No.7 in front of him.

Having examined the information provided by the competitor, the tracking data available and the split times set by competitor No. 13 on SS8 and having reviewed the on-board video from car No. 13, the Stewards conclude that the request for a correction of the time is not justified.


The allocation of corrected or notional times is provided for in the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations for certain cases which do, however, not specifically include a crew claiming to having been slowed down through a Special Stage.

With a view to sporting fairness in competitions and with reference to Art. 1.1.5 of the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards may consider to exercise their authority under Art. 11.9.2.a and Art. 11.9.3.j of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code. The Stewards may thus decide that, if they deem the time loss to be significant and do not consider it as a "racing incident", a corrected time can be implemented. However, competitors must moreover be able to prove that it was extraordinary circumstances that led to any perceived time loss. The Stewards consider that the above criteria were not met in the present case.

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.



Edoardo Delleani
The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



Wolfgang Gastorfer

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	CÉLINE GUÈS	<i>Date:</i>	28.10.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING COORDINATOR	<i>Time:</i>	11:35

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