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Date:	**Friday, 10th January 2025**	Time:	**12.30 hrs**
Subject:	**STEWARDS DECISION N° 13**	Document No:	**2.15**

From: The Stewards

To: Competitor **No 214** Name: **CENTURY RACING**
Crew **BRIAN BARAGWANATH / LEONARD CREMER**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc. 3.30), having heard the Crew Members and the Team Representative (Mr. Gabi Moiset), have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: Competitor #214 was reported tightening the wheels of his vehicle inside the Neutralisation Zone RZ15 during SS4.

Offence: Breach of the Art. 2.18, Art. 57.1 of FIA 2025 CCRSR.

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 2 Minutes on SS4 on Competitor No 214**

Reason: During the hearing, crew members explained that they changed a wheel before the Neutralisation Zone. After this, crew members were still feeling something wrong with the vehicle.

Crew members admitted having tightened the bolts of the wheel previously changed during the neutralisation zone, as a matter of safety but, after it, immediately remembered the regulations and realised that they should have asked for permission to the Marshals on site. Crew members apologised.

The Stewards were not on site and cannot assess the situation in this case as to whether there was in fact a legitimate reason (safety or otherwise) to request such permission. And whether such permission would have been granted to the crew. But, of course, the crew has the right to request such permission.

Stewards conclude that there is a breach of Art. 2.18 and Art. 57.1 of FIA 2025 CCRSR.

In deciding on the penalty to be imposed, the Stewards consider it necessary to impose a sporting penalty, i.e. a time penalty.

Evidence that the crew took at least 10 seconds to perform the unauthorised act is sufficient. A time penalty that also compensates for the time advantage (compared to the fact that they could have carried out these actions legally, outside the Neutralisation Zone) is necessary.

The Decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1; Art., Art. 11.9.2.a, 11.9.3.a, Art. 12.4.1.h.

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.

Arnas PALIUKENAS
Chair of the Panel of Stewards

Omar ZAROUR
FIA Steward

Saleh ALEM
ASN Steward

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

Name (in block letters):	**GABI MOISET**	*Date:*	**10.01.2025**
Position within the team:	**TEAM MANAGER**	*Time:*	**12:55 hrs**

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