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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 6

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To: The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 9 Crew ANDREAS MIKKELSEN / TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having become aware of an incident concerning Car No. 9 at the start area of SS16, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts The Crew of Car No. 9 made a MSD switch reset to the car in the start area of SS16 (Passauer land 1).
- Offence Art. 63.1.2 in conjunction with Art. 2.13 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
- **Decision** To impose a **1-minute** time penalty on Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 9 to be applied at the TC17.
- **Reason** A hearing was held on Sunday 20th October 2024 at 19.10 hrs in the presence of the Team Head of Engineering, Mr. GERARD JAN DE JONGH, and the driver Mr. ANDREAS MIKKELSEN of Car No. 9.

The driver Mr. ANDREAS MIKKELSEN explained that while approaching TC16, the car display in front of him showed a message that the green light was not on. The crew immediately performed a master switch reset to the car and the green light went on so they could continue to TC16 with a 1-minute lateness. The driver stated that a similar error had also occurred when they were stationary at the start line. They had then performed a new reset to the system, but at that time the green light did not go on. As their car was parked at the start line of SS16, which was an uphill section, they rolled back the car without starting it and parked it aside the start area to allow other cars pass and not to delay the start for the following cars.

The driver Mr ANDREAS MIKKELSEN furthermore explained that the co-driver immediately performed the MSD switch reset to the car, which was possible to do only from outside the car, taking the rear window off and then doing the reset procedure. After that the green light went on and they asked for a new start time to the stage. They had to wait for some time at the start area, as Car No. 19 was just waiting for their start.

The head of engineering Mr. GERARD JAN DE JONGH advised that it is important to follow the hybrid light procedures and that the MSD switch reset is not possible from inside of the car. He furthermore stated that they chose safety as priority in this case and to make sure that the hybrid system was properly reset.

The Stewards checked different data available and concluded that, even though the crew had acted properly at the start line under the circumstances, the subsequent actions with hard resetting the car from outside by the co-driver is a breach of the parc ferme regulations as per Art 2.13 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Having taken into account all the above circumstances, the Stewards decided to impose the time penalty as mentioned above.



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The Stewards request that any party seeking to notify an intention to appeal this Decision, that such notification be sent to WRC Secretary, Ms Yvonne Gilli, on her email address: <u>wrcsecretary@fia.com</u> within the time limit referred to in this Decision.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

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

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