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To: Competitor car **No 229** Name: **OVERDRIVE RACING** Crew: **Lionel BAUD / Lucie BAUD**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate, having heard the Competitor Representative (Mr. Uwe SCHMIDT) and a Team Engineer, having considered the matter, determine the following:

- Fact: Competitor of Car 229 was unable to present the original FIA Technical Passport during pre-event scrutineering.
- Offence: Breach of Art. 8.3 of FIA 2024 CCR SR.

Decision: To impose a reprimand on OVERDRIVE RACING.

Reason: Art. 8.3 of FIA 2024 CCR SR states that "...This passport must be presented to the scrutineers when requested...".

The Stewards note that in their opinion, the circumstances of *force majeure* (after the investigation, the Stewards have no doubts about this, but due to the specifics of the data examined and their classification as extremely sensitive personal data (based on, including, but not limited to, the EU GDPR), the Stewards cannot name the said data in the decision to be made public) in this case influenced the fact that the team member could not deliver the original FIA Technical Passport on time.

However, the Competitor, in view of his responsibility as stated in the FIA 2024 ISC and FIA 2024 CCRSR, must ensure that the FIA Technical Passport is presented in a timely manner.

In the opinion of the Stewards, as mentioned earlier, it must be held that there are *force majeure* circumstances in this case. However, this does not negate the obligation of the Competitor to establish such an internal order that ensures that the regulations are observed. That is, it is necessary to ensure that if *force majeure* circumstances affect the ability of one team member to deliver the FIA Technical Passport on time, then in this case someone else is obliged to do it. This is the responsibility of the Competitor.

Therefore, the Stewards decide that in this case there is a breach of the regulations.

However, in deciding on the penalty to be applied, in light of the established circumstances of *force majeure* and also taking into account the fact that, although belatedly, the original of the FIA Technical Passport was presented, the Stewards deviate from the previous precedents established in similar situations and consider that the imposition of a reprimand is necessary, but sufficient.

The decision is based on the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.4.1.b.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

ASN Steward

Arnas PALIUKENAS FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Omar ZAROUR FIA Steward

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