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Subject: DECISION NO. 9

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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor **BIRNBACH KAI** of car No. 39
Crew **Kai BIRNBACH / Marina KRATZIN**

The Stewards, having received a report from the Chief Scrutineer, summoned (Summons No. 9, Doc 4.9) the competitor, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks at the Prestart area at the SS 10 – Renče 1, car No. 39 was found with the control unit of the extinguishing system not in operating position.

Offence: Breach of Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J 2023 FIA ISC in conjunction with Art. 32.2.1 of 2023 FIA RRSR.

Decision: To impose a fine penalty of 250 EUR on the Competitor.

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason:

The competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguishing system.

The competitor informed the stewards that he did not want to come to the hearing and he would not make any further representations.

As stipulated in Article 253.7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally.

The fire extinguishing system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 04 on 22nd September 2023 reminding all



competitors about the activation of the extinguishing system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The competitor is responsible for the technical conformity of his car throughout the rally (Art. 32.2.1 of FIA 2023 RRSR).

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art.11.9.2. a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, and Art 12.4.1.c.

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.

Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Pedro ALMEIDA
FIA Steward

Andrej OREL
ASN Steward

This decision was notified to the Competitor as below:

Name (in block letters):	KAI BIRNBACH	Date:	24.9. 2023
Position within the team:	Stew driver	Time:	16:21 ^W

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