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To: **TEAM AUDI SPORT**

FIA 2024 World Rally-Raid Championship registered Manufacturer

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Sporting Delegate (email, 01st of April 2024), examined the information included in the report, having heard the Manufacturer representatives Sven Quandt, Tobias Quandt and Lisa Crampton, having considered the matter, determine the following:

Fact: Team AUDI SPORT has duly registered in the 2024 FIA World Rally-Raid Championship for Manufacturers and was not represented by any car on the entry list of the second round, ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024. The Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 decided that this was an infringement and imposed a fine penalty of EUR 750000 EUR, part of which (562500 EUR) was applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further similar infringement during the 2024 FIA World Rally-Raid Championship (Decision No 1 of the Stewards, Doc. No 2.3, 27.02.2024). The Manufacturer submitted an intention to appeal, so the payment of the fine was suspended (ISC Art. 12.3.3.a). Later the Manufacturer withdrew the appeal (DECISION No. 2, 26 March 2024, Case ICA-2024-03). After the withdrawal of the appeal was confirmed by a decision of the ICA, the decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 came into force in full (the part of the decision on the infringement, as well as the part of the decision on the imposition of a fine penalty).

Manufacturer TEAM AUDI SPORT was obliged to pay 187500 EUR within 48 hours after the withdrawal of the appeal was confirmed by a decision of the ICA (Case ICA-2024-03).

Team AUDI SPORT was not represented by any car on the entry list of the third round, BP ULTIMATE RALLY-RAID PORTUGAL 2024.

Offence: Breach of Article V1 3.4.3 of the 2024 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations when a penalty has already been imposed by a decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 for a breach of the same nature and part of penalty has been applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further similar infringement during the 2024 FIA World Rally-Raid Championship.

Decision: **The suspension of the sentence for the part (562500 EUR) of the fine penalty of 750000 EUR laid down in the decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 has expired.**
The Manufacturer is therefore obliged to pay the remaining part of the fine penalty, i.e. EUR 562500, which was suspended by a decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024.

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> or by means of any mode of payment. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Since Manufacturer TEAM AUDI SPORT was obliged to pay 187500 EUR within 48 hours after the withdrawal of the appeal was confirmed by a decision of the ICA (Case ICA-2024-03), the Manufacturer is therefore obliged to pay the remaining part of the fine penalty, i.e. 562500 EUR, which was suspended by a decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024.

In this way, the Manufacturer must have timely paid the full amount of the fine penalty imposed by a decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 (750000 EUR) in full.

Reason: The decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 is final and valid from the moment when the withdrawal of the appeal was confirmed by a decision of the ICA (DECISION No. 2, 26 March 2024, Case ICA-2024-03). Therefore, the Stewards do not evaluate or repeat those arguments that have already been argued in the final and valid decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024.

In the present case, the only question is whether there is a legal basis for declaring that the suspension of sentence of the part of the penalty imposed by the decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 has come to an end.

That is, it is important to determine whether there was a fact that was provided for in the (final and valid) decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024 as a condition for the suspension of sentence of the part of the penalty.

This means that it is important to determine whether the Manufacturer has committed the same violation as described in the decision No 1 of the Stewards of the ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE 2024.

Team AUDI SPORT was not represented by any car on the entry list of the third round, BP ULTIMATE RALLY-RAID PORTUGAL 2024.

The Stewards concluded that the violation has been committed.

The Manufacturer admitted the violation.

The Stewards decision is based on the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 12.3.1.



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The Manufacturer is reminded that he has 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.

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