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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 303 SOUTH RACING CAN-AM Crew: Otávio SOUSA LEITE / João Filipe FERREIRA MIRANDA		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Observer, summoned and heard the co-driver Mr. Ferreira, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The Observer send a photo taken before TC4, showing the presence of a person other the drivers of car # 303. The pictures show the person and the co-driver looking into the Road Book.

Offence: Breach of Art. 49.2 of the 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (FIA CCRSR)

Decision: **Time penalty of 1 minute to be added to the time of Stage 2**

Reason: The co-driver explained that the person beside him is a relative to the co-driver of car #400. Also, the drivers of car #400 and #303 father and son. I did not give any information to this young boy.

The regulations are clear that the presence of team personnel not allowed in the regulations is a prohibited service. The presence of team personnel is not allowed before the start of selective section, and they are not allowed to come near to the competition car at this point. A team is made up of the competitor, the crew and support personnel.

For the Stewards it is impossible to determine whether the young boy is a team member of car #400 or of car #303 or neither of both. In the Steward's view, a very good example of avoiding questionable situations is when competitors participating in a FIA Championship event ask even completely unrelated people not to approach the crew members or the car of that crew, if this may raise doubts about the possible acquisition of an unfair advantage.

The Stewards note that the behaviour of all members of a team should not raise any doubts. Such a requirement is connected not only with the provision of possible illegal technical assistance / illegal service, but also with the fact that even verbal communication (verbal communication of the available information to the crew members) can create a situation that, due to the knowledge of such information, helps to gain an advantage over other competitors.

According to the International Sporting Code Art. 12.1.2., infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

The Stewards concluded that the presence of team personnel is a breach of the relevant regulation, and a time penalty is adequate for this offence, since the Stewards have no proof that there was more than just the presence of team personnel. The Stewards decided for a moderate penalty because of the unclear circumstances.



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.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 27.08.2023 17.00 hrs.

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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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This Decision was notified by SPORTITY to the Competitor's officially nominated representative.

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Mr. Scott Abraham	Date	27.08.2023
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	14:30

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