## Sydhavsrally 9-10 September 2022



Date: 10.9.2022 Time (decision): 13.30 hrs Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 1 Document No.: 2.1 From: The Stewards To the organiser To: To all competitors Number of pages: 2 Attachments: 0

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Observer, summoned the Clerk of the Course, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact:

All the Special Stages are run without any Safety and Rescue vehicles and necessary personnel at stage starts and/or Intermediate points

Offence: Creating an unsafe situation according to the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1.h

Decision: In application of FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.3.r, the rally will be temporarily stopped before SS6 until acceptable safety arrangements have been put in place. Failing this, the rally will be stopped permanently.

Reason:

The Stewards heard the Clerk of the Course, Mr. John Larsen, who told that there is not any Safety or rescue vehicles and personnel available at stages.

The event has been planned to have some rescue vehicles at the stages, but because of the high prices of privately operated vehicles/crews, organiser decided to rely only on public rescue services provided by the Rescue Department of the city of Nykobing.

International Sporting Code, Appendix H, Article 5.5.1 states, that at the start of the Special Stages and at Intermediate points there should be at least one medical intervention vehicle and ambulance. Not any of these were available.

Organiser had provided the Safety Plan for the FIA Safety Department 4 weeks before the event, where clearly is presented that the Rescue/Safety vehicles should be present at the start of every special stage. The Safety Plan was accepted with these features. The FIA Observer had also studied the Safety Plan on Friday 9 September and noted that Rescue/Safety Vehicles were marked to the Plan. As observed at the stages and admitted by the CoC, none of those planned vehicles were not present at the scene.

The Stewards wish to highlight that the safety of the competitors, spectators and officials should be the top priority for the organiser. They consider that the continuation of the rally is not safe and that the rally does not comply with the FIA Safety Standards and thus with the Safety Plan and the sole regulatory option available is to stop the competition. Without these mentioned safety arrangements, continuing the event would case too big risk to all parties at the event.

The Stewards want to point that under article 11.9.3.r of ISC Stewards have a power to stop the event immediately.

It is reminded that certain decisions of the Stewards may be appealed, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

In application of Article 12.2.3.b of the FIA International Sporting Code, this Decision becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal as it concerns a question of safety.

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FIA Chairman of the Stewards

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