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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor ROBERT VIRVES of car No. 35
Crew ROBERT VIRVES / CRAIG DREW

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned and heard the above-mentioned crew and their team representative, studied the video evidence provided by the crew, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact The tracking system of Car No. 35 was not enabled for 6.6 km during the reconnaissance passage on SS3 (Pissia) on Monday morning, September 4th, 2023.

Offence Breach of Article 35.4.4 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and Article 9.2 of the Supplementary Regulations.

Decision Driver ROBERT VIRVES and Co-Driver CRAIG DREW shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a fine of **€ 500**.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason The Stewards received a report from the Clerk of the Course on Wednesday, September 6th, stating that the Crew of Car 35 did not have the mandatory FIA tracking system (RSLite) enabled for approx. 6.6 km into SS3 (Pissia).

The Stewards then summoned and heard from the Driver ROBERT VIRVES, the Co-Driver CRAIG DREW, and the Team Representative, CÉLINE GUÈS, on Thursday, September 7th at 10:40 hrs.

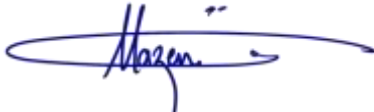
The Co-Driver stated that SS3 was their first stage to recce. On their way to the start of the stage, the Crew realised that their mechanics had not installed the rented tracking unit (phone) from the FIA official tracking supplier into their recce car. The Crew reached out to their team manager, who provided them with an activation code for the RSLite tracking application. The activation code was entered into the Driver's personal phone at approx. 600 - 400 meters before the start of the stage. At the start of SS3, a tracking system technician, who had prior knowledge that Car 35 was not being tracked, stopped the Crew to check if everything was okay and whether they needed support with the tracking system. The Crew confirmed that all was okay and continued into the stage without letting the technician check the tracking system. At approximately 6.6 km into the stage, the Crew realised that the system was not working correctly, so they re-entered the code again, at which point the system was enabled and the tracking of Car 35 functioned correctly.

Article 35.4.4 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations in conjunction with Article 9.2 of the Supplementary Regulations clearly stipulate that competitors must use the FIA tracking system during reconnaissance and any interference with the system(s) during reconnaissance will result in the competitor being reported to the Stewards.

The Crew should have stopped when requested by the technician and, as a result, would have circumvented this infringement.

Having considered all the above, the Stewards deem that a joint imposed fine on the Crew is appropriate and in line with this infringement and past precedents.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mazen Al-Hilli
The Stewards



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This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	CÉLINE GUÈS	<i>Date:</i>	7.9.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING CO-ORDINATOR	<i>Time:</i>	16:20

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