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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 20 **Document No:** 2.22

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 11
Crew THIERRY NEUVILLE / MARTIJN WYDAEGHE

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have examined the video evidence provided by the WRC Promoter, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The crew of car No. 11 did not submit their Time Card at the Stop Control of SS 17

Offence Breach of Art. 19.3.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations in conjunction with Articles 19.3.3 and 49.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision **To impose a fine of € 10000**
to be paid jointly and severally by the driver and co-driver

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 On Sunday, 14th May 2023, at 11:05 hrs the Clerk of the Course submitted to the Stewards a report regarding an incident which had occurred at the Stop Control of SS 17. The report stated that the crew of car No. 11 had not submitted their Time Card at that Control.

As per Art. 19.3.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, in case of the absence of a stamp or signature from any control, the absence of a time entry at a time control, or the failure to hand in the time card at each control, the crew concerned will be considered to have retired at that control.

The pronouncement of this retirement is one of the duties of the Clerk of the Course. However, the Clerk of the Course, due to the fact that he had been informed that the co-driver claimed that he had submitted the time card, did not apply Art. 19.3.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations but instead forwarded the case to the Stewards for further investigation.

A hearing was held on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 15.00 hrs in the presence of the driver Thierry Neuville, the co-driver Martin Wydaeghe and the Team Representative of Competitor No. 11, Mr. Tolga Ozakinci.

The co-driver stated that from the beginning of the day they had suffered problems with their car.

When they arrived at the Stop Control of SS 17, he immediately took a picture of their dashboard to send data to their engineer.

After the driver interview they continued to the following Time Control without realising that he had not submitted the time card at the Stop Control which is one of the standard operations that he does during an event.

Mr. Wydaeghe apologised for his lapse, adding that when he made his first statement, which was that he was sure that he had submitted the time card, this was for the same

reason explained above and that he had forgotten to do this under the pressure of the moment.

Art. 19.3.1. of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly mentions the responsibility regarding the time card, stating that each crew is responsible for submitting the time card at the controls and for the accuracy of the entries.

Furthermore, Art. 49.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations stipulates that the crew must report to the stop point indicated by a red "STOP" sign to have its finishing time entered on the time card.

In taking their Decision, the Stewards took specifically into account:

- The detailed representations brought forward by the co-driver around the circumstances of the incident.
- As stipulated in Art. 2.26 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the Time Card is a card intended for the stamps and entry of times recorded at the different control points scheduled on the itinerary.
- That this card is necessary to regulate the flow of cars throughout the Sections / Special Stages / Time Controls etc. as stipulated in Articles 44.2.3, 44.3.1, 48.2.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.
- The fact that in recent years the time card handling procedures were waived due to Covid restrictions but these were reintroduced at the beginning of 2023.
- That it is clear from the video evidence that the crew complied with the regulations by stopping at the Stop Control of SS 17.
- That the absence of the time that should have been entered at the Stop Control of SS17 did not hinder the correct running of the rally in terms of the control of the competing cars or the order in which they were proceeding between the Time Controls.
- That these infringements had no effect on either the performance of the car or in the control of the competition by the Rally Control.

The Stewards therefore, having accepted the mitigating circumstances surrounding this case, concluded that the above penalty is appropriate and proportionate as the crew members of car No.11 are professional drivers.

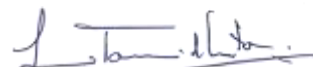
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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The Stewards



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

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