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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor EMILIO FERNANDEZ of car No. 40
Crew EMILIO FERNANDEZ / BORJA ROZADA

All Competitors / crew members

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

Facts The above addressed competitor requested the allocation of a new time on SS 6 where the crew was allegedly delayed by car No. 30.

Decision The time of competitor No. 40 on SS 6 is **not** amended.

Reason Competitor No. 40 stated that, between the km 4 and the end of SS 6, they had lost some time due to heavy dust behind car No. 30.

Having examined the report from the Clerk of the Course, the information provided by the competitor, the tracking data available and the split times set by competitor No. 40 on SS 6, the Stewards conclude that the request for a correction of the time is not justified.

The allocation of corrected or notional times is provided for in the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations for certain cases which do, however, not specifically include a crew claiming to having been delayed by another car.

With a view to sporting fairness in competitions and with reference to Art. 1.1.5 of the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards may consider to exercise their authority under Art. 11.9.2.a and Art. 11.9.3.j of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code. The Stewards may thus decide that, if they deem the time loss to be significant and do not consider it as a "racing incident", a corrected time can be implemented. However, competitors must moreover be able to prove that it was extraordinary circumstances that led to any perceived time loss. The Stewards consider that the above criteria were not met in the present case.

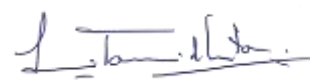
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani



Andrew Kellitt



Luís Tourais de Matos

The Stewards

RE: Stewards Decision No. 7 - VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2023

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	THOMAS BELUCHE	<i>Date:</i>	0.0.2023
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