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To:	Competitor car no 10 SIMONE CAMPEDELLI Crew: SIMONE CAMPEDELLI / TANIA CANTON		
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PROTEST lodged by

The Competitor of vehicle No. 10 SIMONE CAMPEDELLI (Crew SIMONE CAMPEDELLI / TANIA CANTON)

Against

Alleged error.

Procedure:

1. On Friday 02nd August 2024, the Clerk of the Course received an email at 21:11 hrs a protest lodged by the Competitor of vehicle No. 10 addressed to the Chairperson of the Stewards of RALI VINHO DA MADEIRA 2024.
2. Competitor No. 10 stated that at the end of the stage, since there was only one spare wheel, the front left wheel was replaced. The team continued driving, always ensuring it was safe to do so, given that the damaged tire was not in poor condition. After driving a few kilometers, the tire disintegrated and they decided to stop in a safe place because they were in the highway and they need to get a safe place to stop and change to the second one that was available on the car. This way, they managed to reach the regrouping park with the tire in place. The engineer responsible for race decisions has always been in contact with the driver and closely monitored the situation. They managed to reach the regrouping park always with a tire in place, except for the moment when the tire was damage and they looked for a safe place to stop and change it.
3. The Stewards summoned the Protester, the Technical Delegate Mr. Pedro Rodrigues and Deputy Technical Delegate Mr. Nuno Fernandes

On behalf of Competitor No. 10:	Aloisio Monteiro	Representative
	Rubén Rodríguez Vieitez	Chief Engineering

The hearing was held on Saturday 03th August 2024 at 11:30 hrs in the Stewards' Room with all Stewards present.

4. No objections were raised against the composition of the Stewards panel.



On the Admissibility:

5. The Stewards examined the admissibility of the protest:

5.1 The protest was lodged in due time, in accordance with Art. 13.3.5 of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code.

5.2 The protest was lodged by a single competitor against “*an alleged error in the actions of the Clerk of the Course*”. The protester was unable to explain what alleged errors in the actions of the Clerk of the Course he was protesting against. In the opinion of the protester, the fact that the Clerk of the Course applied Art. 34.1.5 of the RRSR later than the protester (competitor) expected may be considered as an alleged error. The protester has stated in the text of the protest itself that the subject of a protest is a protest against the provisional classification. But when the stewards explained that the provisional classification will only be published at the end of the event, the protester changed his position and said that the subject of a protest is a protest against alleged error. Because in the protestor's opinion, the protest should be dealt with immediately and not after the provisional classification has been published (a position that the competitor has expressed many times in emails to the Clerk of the Course and the chairperson of the stewards. He has also expressed this position on social networks.

In opinion of the stewards the competitor did not change its position on the subject of a protest because there was a real legal basis for doing so, but only because it wished to find some way to speed up the process.

The stewards decide that such a desire of the competitor cannot justify the legitimacy of the subject of a protest.

5.3 On the protest deposit (as stipulated in Art. 13.4.2 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and in Art. 15.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations).

The protester has provided evidence that a payment order has been set up in the bank account of TRF Motorsport solutions LDA with the FIA as the beneficiary. The protester did not provide evidence that the payment order was actually made. Nor has it provided evidence that the purpose of the payment is the deposit of the protest. The stewards asked the protester why the payment order they had submitted did not contain any information about the purpose of the payment order being a protest deposit, nor did it contain any information about the links with the competitor Simone Campedelli. The protester replied that he could not do so when the payment order was being drafted, as it was not possible to write down the entire content of the purpose of the payment. However, he did not explain why in this case there is nothing at all about the purpose of the payment and the links to the competitor. The Stewards consider that in the present case there is no evidence either that the payment has actually been made or that the payment is in any way linked to the competitor.

The Stewards find that the protest is inadmissible, the protest does not comply with the requirements of the Code.

Decision:

The protest is inadmissible.



Reason:

The stewards were not presented with evidence that the protest deposit was paid. The available data are not sufficient to conclude that the payment order formed in the bank account has been made and that the payment order is linked to the protest deposit or is linked to the protester himself. Therefore, the protest cannot be considered to meet the requirements of Art. 13.4.2 of the Code.

The stewards find that, in the light of what has already been stated in paragraph 5.2 of this decision, there is no reason to consider that the protest satisfies the requirements of Art. 13.2.1 of the Code.

Since the protest lodged does not meet the requirements of the Code, it cannot be declared admissible.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Arnas PALIUKENAS

FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Simone BETTATI

FIA Steward

Luis Tourais de MATOS

ASN Steward

Received by the Competitor :

Name (in block letters) : _____

Position within the team : _____

Signature : _____

Date : _____

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