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To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 1
Crew Sébastien OGIER / Benjamin VEILLAS

The Stewards, having become aware that the crew of car No.1 left TC0 using the internal combustion engine in a HEV zone, summoned the above crew members as well as competitor's representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No.1 left TC0 Start Ramp using the internal combustion engine in a HEV zone on Thursday, 20 January 2022

Offence Breach of 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations Art. 34.1.7 and Supplementary Regulations Art. 12.10

Decision No further action under the circumstances

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver and co-driver of car No.1 and from the competitor's representatives, Kaj Lindström, Sporting Director and Tom Fowler, Technical Director at 23.45hrs on Thursday, 20 January 2022. Sébastien Ogier stated that they had been called to the start ramp early for interview as the first car on the Start List. Due to the length of the interview, the crew shut down the HEV systems on the car. The lengthy interview resulted in the crew being late away from the start ramp. When Mr Ogier tried to start the car the hybrid unit was not ready. The start process for hybrid can take up to a minute and as they were already into their liaison time the decision was taken to start the internal combustion engine to clear TC0. Mr Tom Fowler confirmed that the start-up process for the hybrid unit can take up to 1-minute to complete. The crew were correct to shut down the systems in the car during the interview to save the power in the 12v battery. Mr Ogier apologised for leaving the high-profile start ramp using ICE power but he felt under pressure to clear the area. Both driver and co-driver confirmed that they had stopped just after TC0 to change to hybrid power and had completed the rest of the HEV Zone using this propulsion.

The Stewards recognised that the ceremonial procedures at TC0 start ramp initiated a scenario that had not been foreseen in advance of the event and that the crew did try to leave the control under hybrid power and did traverse the majority of the HEV Zone correctly.

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



Iain Campbell
The Stewards



Mathieu Remmerie



Eric Barrabino

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i> KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i> 21/01/2022
<i>Position within the team:</i> SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i> 09:20

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