

Date: 25.8.2019
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION NO. 5

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To: The Competitor CITROEN TOTAL of car No. 22
 Crew MADS OSTBERG / TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above Competitor's representative as well as the crew of the route note car of the Competitor, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Route note car crew of Competitor 22 tried to use a closed road when accessing SS16 on Sunday morning. At the road closure they behaved in such a manner that the road closers felt themselves threatened and insulted.

Offence Art. 12.1.1.c of the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision A fine of € 1000 onto the Competitor CITROEN TOTAL

Reason The Clerk of Course reported that at the road closure the route note car driver, Morten Ostberg, became angry, called the volunteer firemen "idiots" and threatened them with physical violence. After they had not been allowed to pass the closure, Mr. Morten Ostberg had accelerated his car towards the closure, but then finally stopped and turned around.

When questioned, one of the road closing firemen, Mr. Michael Könen confirmed that report and added that the route note car No. 22, after few minutes, finally passed them again on the correct route and that Mr. Morten Ostberg had stopped his car, opened the door and used abusive language.

The Stewards heard from the crew of the route note car and from the Team Manager, Mr. Luc Manset on Sunday, 25.8.2019 at 13.25 hrs. Driver Morten Ostberg and co-driver Patrik Barth explained that among all RNC crews it is common to use "short cuts" where possible and not to follow the roadbook. This is what they had already done several times during this rally. As they were intentionally going to the stage at the last minute to have as much daylight as possible, they wanted to access the stage start which was in the immediate vicinity of the closure.

Mr. Morten Ostberg denied that he had threatened the road closers. He admitted having used words "this is stupid" but by this referring to the situation, not the persons. Probably because of his passionate character and due to the fact that there was no common language, the road closers felt themselves insulted. When making a U-turn he said it was a quick one as they were already running out of time, but he denied driving aggressively against the road closers.

Mr. Morten Ostberg apologized for this incident and stressed that his intention was not to insult anyone.

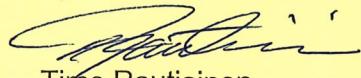
The Stewards however conclude that any offence against the rally officials is unacceptable.

The fine is imposed on the Competitor considering the Competitors' responsibilities under Article 9.15.1 of the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code.





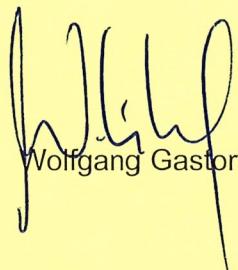
The right to appeal this Decision is stipulated in the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2019 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Timo Rautiainen
The Stewards



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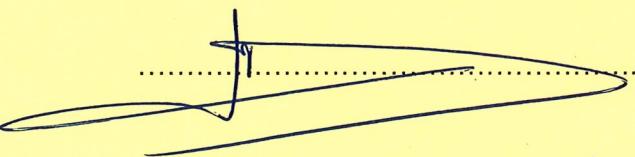


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Name (in block letters): MANSET Luc Date: 25.08.2019

Position within the team: TEAM MANAGER

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