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To: The Competitor HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT N of car No. 27
Crew OLE CHRISTIAN VEIBY / JONAS ANDERSSON

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA COVID-19 Delegate summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Driver Mr. Ole Christian VEIBY of car no. 27 did not declare a close contact with a positive COVID-19 person before the Portugal event to the FIA COVID-19 Delegate. Mr. VEIBY also drove from Portugal to Spain despite having returned a positive COVID-19 test result, which is a breach of the local authority regulations.

Offence Infringement of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code Appendix S, Art 2.1, Art. 6.6, Art. 6.18 and FIA COVID-19 Delegate Notes for the Portugal Event Section 2, 2.1.2 (5), 2021 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1 c and h.

Decision Suspension of Mr. Ole Christian VEIBY to any World Rally Championship event from 23 May 2021 till 22 November 2021 (6 months). Application of 2021 International Sporting Code, Art. 11.9.3a, and Art. 12.4.5.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of car 27, Mr Ole Christian VEIBY (by video link), from the competitor's representative, Mr. Andrea ADAMO, Hyundai Motorsport N, Mr. Kristo KRAAG, RedGrey as well as from Dr. André Filipe CONCHINHA, Portugal Event COVID-19 Manager and Dr. Guilherme SACRAMENTO, Deputy Portugal Event COVID-19 Manager as witnesses.

Mr. VEIBY took a routine antigen test on Thursday, 20 May. The result was positive. He was retested with 1D NOW™ COVID-19 molecular rapid test as well as a regular PCR Test, both of which revealed a positive result. Contact tracing was done and co-driver Jonas ANDERSSON was found as the only close contact. The driver was ordered to isolate in his hotel room and the co-driver was set in quarantine. The public health authority (PHA) was informed. Mr ANDERSSON was tested as negative for COVID-19.

Mr VEIBY did not declare to the FIA COVID-19 Delegate that he had been in close contact with a person who was found to be COVID-19 positive during the week before the Portugal Event. This is a breach of the FIA ISC, Appendix S, Art. 6.18.

Moreover, the Public Health Authority state that all positive COVID-19 persons must self-isolate for 10 days. Mr. VEIBY did not do this and drove to Spain on 20 May.

The World Rally Championship and the FIA take the regulations of FIA ISC Appendix S and the procedures to reduce the exposure to the pandemic extremely seriously. Mr. VEIBY did not state that he had been in close contact with a positive case in the days before the Portugal Event and he did furthermore not have permission to, nor did he seek permission to leave Portugal to return to Spain when he was supposed to be in quarantine for 10 days in Portugal.

This is a serious breach of the applicable regulations. The FIA and World Rally Championship are guests of the Portuguese nation for the running of this event and Mr. VEIBY's actions have flaunted this welcome and national regulations.

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



Henrik Frank



Luís Tourais de Matos

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

<i>Name (in block letters): KRISTO KRAAG</i>	<i>Date: 23/05/21</i>
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