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From: The Stewards

To : The Competitor of car No. 21 JIPOCAR CZECH NATIONAL TEAM
Crew MSRTIN PROKOP / JAN TOMANEK

The Stewards were informed about an email correspondence between the competitor's representative of car No. 21, Mr. Quirin Müller, and the FIA Technical Delegate, Mr. Jérôme Toquet, the content of which raised some suspicion on a possible breach of Article 64.5.3 of the 2016 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations insofar as a seal on a set of transmission may have been destroyed before Rally Italia Sardegna.

The Stewards then summoned a representative of the Competitor of car No. 21 to the Stewards. Mr. Quirin Müller, Team Manager, and Mr. Ivan Matousek, Team Engineer, appeared in front of the Stewards at 18:00hrs on Wednesday, 8th June 2016.

The hearing was then suspended and reconvened on Thursday, 9th June 2016, at 11:00 hrs, also in the presence of the FIA Technical Delegate, Mr. Jérôme Toquet.

It was understood by all attendees that the Competitor of car No. 21 is a WRC Team having applied for the application of WRC Article 64.5.3.

Following the statements made by all those involved, the Stewards conclude that:

- During the hearings the Competitors' representatives stated that, between the WRC Rallies in Mexico and Portugal, the seals on two sets of transmissions sealed in Mexico were destroyed to carry out some maintenance/repair work. The Competitor added that they mentioned this to the FIA Technical Delegate accordingly when presenting these parts at Rally Portugal for resealing and use in Portugal again. The FIA Technical Delegate confirmed that this might possibly have been the case. These parts were then sealed again and used as two additional units from amongst the maximum permitted number of 8. As no report was given and/or further action taken, the Stewards consider this proceeding as being approved by the FIA Technical Delegate in accordance with WRC Article 64.5.3.
- The Competitor stated that, according to their interpretation of the Regulations, they would be allowed to destroy the seals applied on the transmissions between events but not during an event and that this interpretation was underlined by the aforementioned procedure. They now understood that this interpretation is not correct and that the seals must as a principle remain intact throughout the complete season.
- Finally, the Competitor informed that they were actually not aware currently whether the rear differential that was opened by the company assigned for the repair (with the seal destroyed) was one of the parts of their WRC Team. They had sent the total of three rear differentials (two of those belonging to private teams) to that company for

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repair and confirmed that only one of those had been opened so far. Unfortunately, they were and are currently not able to clarify which one was opened and the seal destroyed as it is a small company and the person in charge is on holiday until mid next week.

- The Stewards then studied again the email of 31 May 2016 sent by the Competitor to the FIA Technical Delegate with the following statement amongst others: *"We had to open the rear differential which we sealed in Portugal"*. The Competitor's representative also stated in his email of 3rd June to the FIA Technical Delegate that they had misunderstood the Regulations, they apologized for that and asked *"to get your late approval to cut the seal"*.

Under consideration of the above circumstances and statements made and after due deliberation, the Stewards conclude that a breach of Article 64.5.3 of the 2016 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations has been committed by the Competitor of car No. 21 JIPOCAR CZECH NATIONAL TEAM and

DECIDE

To impose the 5-minute penalty provided for in the above Article on the Competitor JIPOCAR CZECH NATIONAL TEAM for Rally Italia Sardegna 2016.

The Competitor is reminded of its right to appeal.

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Chairperson - Stewards

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