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*From* The stewards of the meeting

*To* The entrant of car No. 21 CZECH FORD NATIONAL TEAM  
Crew MARTIN PROKOP / JAN TOMANEK

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The Stewards received the Clerk of the Course's Report No 4 informing about new elements which he had investigated regarding the incident resulting in the Clerk of the Course's Decision No. 4 (time penalty of 4 minutes imposed on the Competitor of car No. 21, Czech Ford National Team, Driver Martin Prokop, Co-driver Jan Tomanek). With the information on the new elements, along with a written statement on the case submitted by the Competitor of car No. 21, he therefore referred the matter to the Stewards with the request to re-consider the penalty he had imposed under the previously known facts.

The Stewards summoned and heard the above Competitor and drivers who, in addition to the arguments brought in writing, stated that upon request a 2 minute gap was granted to him by Rally Control – which was confirmed to the Stewards by the deputy clerk of the course – and that the start time allocated to them did not reflect this granting of the 2 minute gap. They added that the time card was handed back to them just a few seconds before they were due to start and that they were not really ready to start as they had expected to start one minute later.

Following the above hearing, the Stewards, after due deliberation,

#### DECIDE

*To cancel the time penalty of 4 minutes imposed by the Clerk of the Course*

#### Grounds:

It was confirmed by Rally Control that before special stage 3, the Competitor no. 21 had requested from Rally Control a 2 minute start interval due to the speed they are running compared to the car running in front. This request came after a 2 minute start interval had already been allocated to them on special stage 2. Car number 21 arrived at IC 3 with a 2' gap to the car running in front. Despite his above mentioned request had been granted, the timekeepers at the start of special stage 3 entered the provisional start time of 12:07 which represented a 1' gap to the car in front. The drivers then tried to rectify the situation on-site which resulted in the final delay of 4 minutes with regard to the provisional start time entered by the marshal at the stage start.

It must also be mentioned that there were language problems so that a communication between the crew and the marshals was not possible.

After consultation between the timekeepers and Rally Control on the radio, the new start time of 12:11 was then entered on the time card and the crew started accordingly.



Under the above circumstances, the Stewards consider that the incident was due to misunderstandings between Rally Control, the timekeepers at the start of special stage 3 and the crew and that this resulted in the given delay

**Waltraud Wunsch**  
Chairperson

**Surinder Thatthi**

**Augusto Partuini**

**Stewards of the meeting**

*Received by :*

Name *QUIRIN MÜLLER*

Entrant *CZECH FORD NATIONAL TEAM*

Car No *21*

Date *08/05/2011*

Time *15:45*

Signature