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To	The Team Manager, McLaren F1 Team	Date	08 July 2023
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 4 - Lando Norris

Competitor McLaren F1 Team

Time 11:30

Session Practice 3

Fact Mechanic on track

Infringement Breach of Art. 34.14 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations
Breach of Art. 26.6 and Art 26.7 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations

Decision Warning
The competitor McLaren is fined €1,000

Reason The Stewards reviewed video and the marshal report.

Car 4 was released by the team with a fitting from the garage still attached to the rear of the car and while the car was still in pit lane told the driver to stop the car. The driver stopped the car at the very first safe location which was at the end of pit lane just past the pit exit line. The Stewards note that he was prevented from stopping earlier, prior to the pit exit line, because of photographers standing in the working area past the final team location.

The Stewards consider that releasing the car with a sizable part loose on the rear of the car was incorrect. However, the prompt action of the team to stop the car in the pit lane mitigated the potential unsafe condition and the Stewards therefore only issue a warning.

The team sent a mechanic to retrieve the part off the car. In doing so, he crossed the pit exit line and touched the stopped car and technically was on track when he did so. Following that he then stepped to the front of the car and stopped the driver from proceeding until he signaled that it was safe to do so. This section of the track at this venue is entirely safe, and so what he did was not unsafe, and indeed he ensured the safety of the other competitors by his actions. However, the team did not seek or receive permission from Race Control to have personnel on the track, nor did the mechanic seek permission of the marshal on scene.

This has not happened recently in Formula One, and in issuing a €1,000 fine the Stewards have considered in mitigation that the car was prevented from stopping before the line, and that the actions of the mechanic, while a clear breach of the regulations, were deemed safe at all times.

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 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

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