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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 10:35

Session Race 1

Fact The Team Principal was seen on the host broadcast allegedly directing team personnel prior to the start of the mandatory pit stop procedure.

Offence Breach of Article 12.1.1.c of the 2020 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision Fine of 10,000 Euros

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the Team Manager & Team Principal (document 21).

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the Team Principal, who was not included in the list of Operational Personnel submitted in accordance with the 2020 F2 Sporting Regulations Article 21.5, was seen gesturing from the pit wall to team personnel in the pit lane prior to the arrival of Car 20 for its mandatory pit stop.

The team reported that Car 21 was expected to be first to come in, however, Car 20 entered the pit lane first.

The Stewards carefully analysed the host TV broadcast footage and the footage of the pit lane camera focused on the team's pit box. It is clear to the Stewards that the change in tyre strategy (replacing Car 21's tyres with Car 20's) had already been initiated by the Team Manager by radio and the pit stop personnel were already in the process of changing the tyres before the Team Principal started gesturing towards the pit lane.

The Stewards also note that although the Team Principal had a radio headset on, at no point during this incident did he key the radio to transmit on it. The Stewards also consider it highly unlikely, given the ambient noise levels in a racing pit lane, that the mechanics in pit lane, with headsets on, could understand anything the Team Principal was saying without radio communications.

For these reasons, the Stewards find that the Team Principal's actions had no impact on the operation of the team, the cars, or the pit stop and, therefore, did not breach the operational personnel limitations of the 2020 F2 Sporting Regulations Article 21.5.

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However, as the Team Principal's actions could be misconstrued under the circumstances, by someone without access to the appropriate camera angles and footage, as giving the appearance of operational direction, the Stewards find the Team Principal committed an act prejudicial to the competition and, therefore, breached Article 12.1.1.c of the 2020 FIA International Sporting Code. He is hereby penalised for that conduct.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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