

DECLARATION

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The 2011 edition of PROHUN 500 cross-country rally is CANCELLED.

Sólyom Team MSE do not organise the PROHUN 500 rally, scheduled for 21-24 July 2011, round of FIA Central European Zone Trophy for Cross-Country Rallies and the Czech, Slovakian, Polish, Italian and Hungarian cross-country rally championships, for the following reasons:

Sólyom Team MSE registered the 2011 edition of the PROHUN 500 at the Hungarian ASN (MNASZ) in summer 2010, at that time with the service park in Gyula. In January 2011 they applied for organiser's licence at the cross-country rally committee, which was received. MNASZ included PROHUN 500 in the official race calendar and registered it at the FIA that included it in the calendar of the Central European Zone Trophy, with Sólyom Team MSE mentioned as organiser.

The negotiations with the municipality and the mayor of Gyula, started in November 2010, were stranded by March 2011, so on 25 April 2011 Sólyom Team MSE – following an oral notification – confirmed the change of location towards the cross-country rally committee also in a written form. In its answer on 27 April 2011, the committee did not agree in the change of location, but did not give the reason of its decision. Sólyom Team MSE tried to reach a compromise with the cross-country rally committee several times but these negotiations did not have any result. So on 22 May 2011 Sólyom Team MSE, further to the lack of explanation and unlawfulness, protested against the former decision of the chairman of the committee that did not contain explanation and asked for the revision of that decision. To this, still no response has been received.

For Sólyom Team MSE it became clear from the 26 May 2011 modification of the official race calendar on the website of MNASZ that the cross-country rally committee tackles this issue in an irregular and unlawful way, as instead of PROHUN 500 Gyulai Várfürdő Cup appeared in the official calendar as modification and as organiser of the rally Navigátor Sportmédia Kft. is mentioned instead of Sólyom Team MSE. But this modification still has not appeared on the website of the cross-country rally committee, Sólyom Team has not been informed about it in any form and the lawfulness of the modification was not supported with any sporting justification.

PROHUN 500 is the property and know-how of Sólyom Team MSE from the beginning in 2007. The Team did not and does not want to resign from its proprietary and organisational rights or to give them to another party under any circumstances.

Sólyom Team MSE won the Rally of the Year award of the cross-country rally committee in two consecutive years (2009 and 2010) with PROHUN 500, so the Team finds it very strange that the committee did not accept its request for change of location, supported with sporting arguments. At the same time, the denial of the request is not supported with any sporting arguments.

As a result of the insufficiencies occurred during the III. Admiral Rábaköz Cup (6-8 May 2011, Kapuvár, Hungary), organised by Navigátor Sportmédia Kft., cross-country rally committee of the Czech Republic stands apart from the further cooperation with the Hungarian committee and for this reason it became uncertain if

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Gyulai Várfürdő Cup, that was announced as the next round of FIA Central European Zone Trophy for Cross-Country Rallies, will stay in the calendar of the Czech Championship (source: www.rally-raid.eu). Still, the Hungarian cross-country rally committee preferred the above mentioned organiser to the organiser of PROHUN 500, Solyom Team MSE.

During the past years, Solyom Team MSE always aimed for organising PROHUN 500 as an excellent rally. PROHUN 500 was attacked already by people who saw it only as a good business opportunity instead of a high-level sporting event or who wanted to cause harm to the region or to the event. To prevent this, Solyom Team MSE signed long-term exclusive contracts with the local authorities of those settlements that the route of the specials is part of to insure that an excellent and problem-free event would be organised each year, to protect the good reputation of the settlements and cross-country rally sport. The above mentioned contracts are in force till 31 December 2016.

The legal circumstances mentioned above prevented the organisers of PROHUN 500 from being able to organise a safe and in sporting aspect excellent rally and they did not want to organise a not so high-level, not safe, financially uncertain or legally problematic event.

If Gyulai Várfürdő Cup is organised, Solyom Team MSE stands apart from that. The Team has nothing to do with the event, it takes no responsibility for the possible complications, damages, consequences!

Moreover, Solyom Team MSE declares that as a protest against the above mentioned, legally strongly criticisable events the Team suspends the participation of its T1 race car in the Hungarian cross-country rally events and also its organisational activity in Hungarian cross-country rally.



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