

VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2008-9 INTERNATIONAL JURY

Case VOR01

Request for Redress from Ericsson Racing Team (ERT) regarding exclusion of Middle East Stopover

JURY NOTICE JN02 Jury Decision

19th March 2008

To: Teams, Volvo Event Management, Measurer ("Parties")
From: International Jury appointed to hear two Requests for Redress

1. On 28th February 2008, the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) appointed an International Jury (Jury) to hear this case and one other case.
2. ERT claimed that the Organising Authority had acted improperly in removing a Middle Eastern stopover.
3. On 3rd March 2008, the Jury issued 'Jury Notice JN01' in which it proposed hearing the cases without an oral hearing (i.e. by 'papers only'), and laid out a timetable giving deadlines for responses by the parties and inviting observations from other competitors.
4. Submissions relating to this case were received from Chris Simon (ERT), Ian Walker (Green Team), Bill O'Hara (Volvo Event Management), Andreas Hanakamp (Team Russia), Richard Slater (Spanish Team).
5. On 18th March, the Jury received a request from Chris Simon of ERT, to withdraw the Request for Redress:

ERT requests permission of the International Jury to withdraw their request for redress VOR01.

The reason for this request is that the management of Ericsson Racing Team has met with the new CEO of the Volvo Ocean Race and these meetings have resulted in ERT having confidence that the commercial value to be delivered by VEM to all stakeholders of the Volvo Ocean Race, including ERT, will be enhanced. In addition ERT now believe that VEM share the same views on what would be acceptable actions in the preparations for and the conduct of the VOR 2008/09 and future races.

6. Volvo Race Management supports the request to withdraw.
7. The Jury can see no reason to seek further observations from other parties.
8. Racing Rule 63.1 'The protest committee shall hear all ... requests for redress that have been delivered to the race office unless it allows a ... request to be withdrawn.'

Decision

9. The Request to withdraw the Request for Redress is approved.

David Tillett
Chairman

Volvo Ocean Race Jury: David Tillett, Bryan Willis, Jack Lloyd, Pertti Lipas, Egil Wold.