

DGT projects

Annex 71A

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Calvia, 25 of October 2004.

To: FIDE president and FIDE executive board. (or anyone else that this may concern within FIDE)
About: Procedure Technical Committee meeting in relation with contract on “distribution and marketing support” between DGT projects and FIDE.

Dear FIDE president, dear Executive board members,

In the meeting of the technical committee (TC) earlier today, there was the proposal for FIDE approval of 3 different digital clocks.

We consider this procedure a breach of the contract between FIDE and DGT Projects. In this contract it is clearly stated that parties should inform each other in case of any developments that are relevant with regard of the conduct of business.

The fact that DGT Projects was not informed on this subject of approval of other brands of electronic clocks by itself is already a breach of the obligations of FIDE. The further fact that without any proper testing procedure one of the clocks was indicated to receive FIDE approval (one other was rejected, one would be given provisional approval) is unacceptable to DGT Projects.

We strongly request that you do not follow the recommendation by the TC with regard to the FIDE approval of the clock “Silver”.

We further request that in future FIDE will only accept a request for the approval of digital clocks by FIDE after a proper, independent and transparent procedure for testing and reporting on the outcome of testing has been put in place.

We urge you to request the TC to develop such a procedure as soon as possible.

In case you uphold the decision of the TC, we will reconsider the value of the contract between FIDE and DGT Projects and will most likely end the contract on the shortest possible term.

Kind regards,
Albert Vasse
CEO DGT Projects BV



Annex 71A

Calvia, 26 of October 2004.

To: FIDE Technical Committee and FIDE executive board. (or anyone else that this may concern within FIDE)

About: Results of short testing procedure on the Electronic Chess Clock “Silver”.

Dear FIDE TC, dear FIDE Executive Board members,

At our own initiative we went through a first testing session of the Electronic Chess Clock “Silver” version 1.3, the clock as it was handed out during the TC meeting yesterday and pushed through FIDE approval by the president of the TC.

The testing , going through an incomplete and far from systematic procedure, identified one major violation of the FIDE laws of chess and two very weak technical aspects.

I am prepared to demonstrate these flaws in the “Silver” clock, on the condition that, until the details of a standard testing procedures for electronic clocks are proposed to and formalized by the FIDE GA, the details about the faults in the “Silver” clock will be kept confidential. Therefore I propose to draft a short declaration of non-disclosure of information, to create the conditions that I can give this relevant information to a limited number of persons, to be nominated by the FIDE Executive Board.

It should be clear that FIDE approval can never be for clocks on the basis that mistakes found in testing could be repaired in the future. If this were the case, FIDE approval could be given to any clock that fails the test, on a simple promise of improvement. FIDE approval can only be given to clocks that show no faults when presented for testing.

The results of the simple testing procedure executed yesterday late in the evening clearly shows the need to come to a standard procedure for testing of electronic clocks, as was proposed in our letter of protest to the farce that was played out yesterday in the TC. FIDE approval without serious testing is absurd.

Kind regards,

Albert Vasse
CEO DGT Projects BV

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