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In a statement released today, Ivar Stanelis - director of the Classic Adelaide Rally for the past two years, felt it necessary to clarify some of the issues surrounding the future of the rally following recent media reports questioning the events' financial viability.

“Some of you may or may not have seen the television news reports regarding the collapse of the Classic Adelaide rally and Silverstone Events. Sadly it probably leaves more questions than it answers, but I thought it would be good to send out some information to as many of our hard working officials and other members of the rally community.”

“Here are some facts of the situation:

- David Edwards is the owner of Silverstone Events which runs the Classic Adelaide Rally.
- None of the organising committee (R.A.G) have had their costs covered or money paid for the 2009 event, including Rally One which is the company under which I operate as the Clerk of Course.
- There are many other suppliers of goods and services to the event that have also not been paid for the 2009 event.
- The phones at the Silverstone Events office have been disconnected for the last few weeks and messages and emails have not been responded to.
- The office is vacant and it is locked securely.
- There are several dozen competitors who have paid their 2010 entry fee, who are now seriously concerned that they have lost their money.
- Removalist vehicles were yesterday moving all of David Edwards' furniture and belongs from his city residence to an unknown destination and he is not answering his mobile phone.

Mr Stanelis went on to say... “As a senior official of the rally over many years, it deeply saddens me that all of the hard work, dedication and passion of the 800 rally officials have been disrespected in this way. The visionary group of people that created Classic Adelaide 13 years ago must be truly dismayed at this outcome. The event deserved a better finale than this.”

“However, all may not be lost. Despite the apparent failure of Silverstone Events, Classic Adelaide is still a very popular event on the Australian motor sport calendar and has enormous support from many quarters. As a result, it appears that there may be a few interested parties that are considering stepping in and taking over the running of the event. Although it may face many fundamental changes, we may see the event live on”, Mr Stanelis confirmed.

“Hopefully this will not be my last communication to you as Clerk of Course for the Classic Adelaide... but if it is, I personally want to thank each and everyone of you for your help, friendship, hard work and dedication. I hope to work with you again soon”, a disappointed Mr Stanelis said.

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