# Workaround for removing messages with struck through time stamps

In some cases it is possible that messages cannot be acknowledged, because the source of this messages is not existing anymore (block is not existing in AS). These messages will be displayed with struck through time stamps.
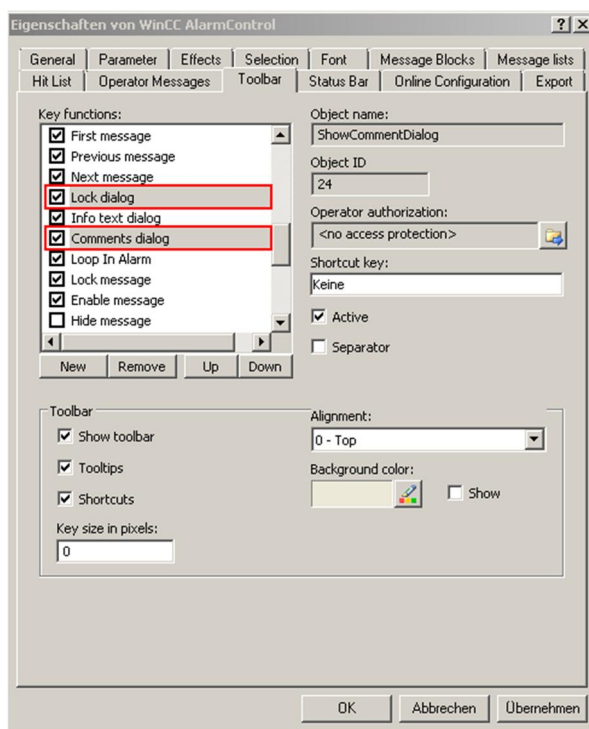These messages can be removed using the lock list in WinCC Alarm Control.

**Note**
Messages with struck through time stamps from existing blocks cannot be removed by the following instruction.
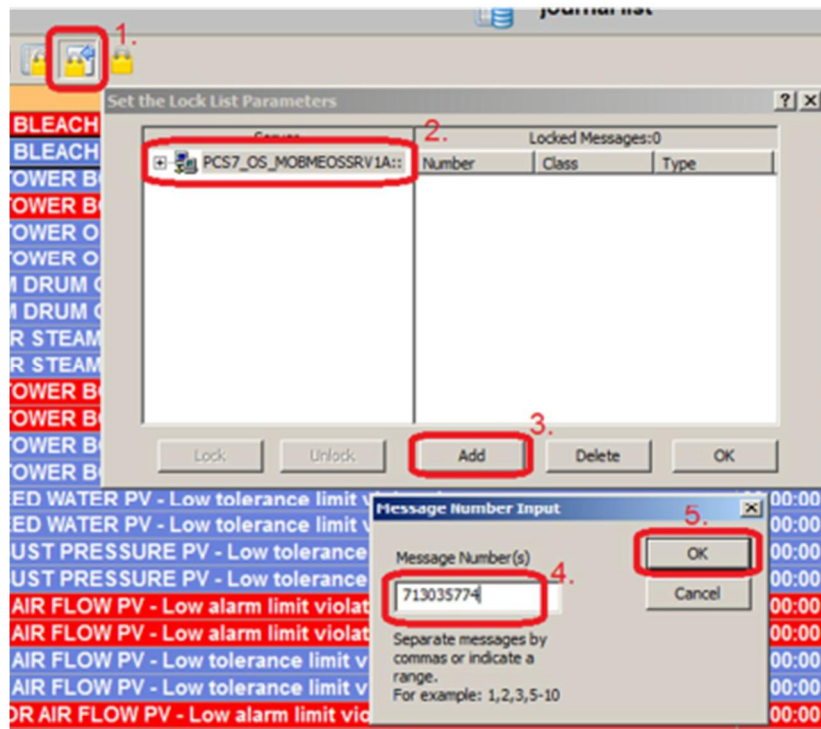
**Instruction**

1. Create a new PDL and insert the Active-X control "WinCC AlarmControl"

2. In properties of "WinCC AlarmControl", select in tab "Toolbar" the following key functions:
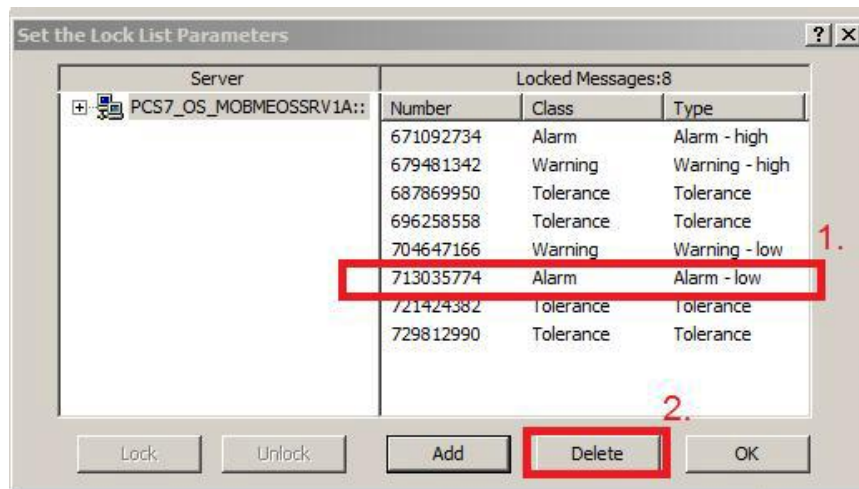
   a. Comments dialog

   b. Lock dialog



3. Activate the Runtime and switch to the new PDL.

4. Open the comments dialog in WinCC AlarmControl

5. Identify the message number of the desired message.

6. Open the lock list in WinCC AlarmControl.

7. Add the identified message number and click the "OK" button.



8. Delete the message number from lock list.



9. The message with struck through time stamp is removed from message list.