



STAGE FLASH

Date: May 23rd 2009

Day : 2

Flash N° : 10

Special Stage: 10 - Sa Linea

Distance : 14.20 km

Weather: Sun – light tropical breeze

Road Condition: Stage is very tricky, lots of high ruts, particularly 6 km after the start and 2 km before the finish, very difficult for 2wd cars

n. 4 Latvala - Antilla

"No problems, the stage was very rough, this will be a hard afternoon. We want to win this rally"

n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen

Got out at the stop control to look under his car - "I did a good time"

n. 1 Loeb – Elena

"It's impossible to drive this stage with a normal car, the road is too rough"

n. 11 Solberg P - Mills

"Very hot in the stage, it was very hard, we had overheating again and the engine lost power"

n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt

"A very difficult stage, one of the most difficult on this rally because of the road conditions, I struggled with the car"

n. 6 Solberg H. - Menkerud

"It's Ok, we are quite happy, it's very rough out there, the most difficult one I did"

n. 21 Ostberg – Engan

"It's very difficult when it's this rough. I am not so happy with the set-up changes from this morning, the car is understeering very much"

n. 2 Sordo - Marti

"Not happy about the stage, I did not like to drive it, it's very hard on the car"

n. 5 Wilson - Martin

"Not very good, we struggled in the rough, hopefully the other stages will be in better condition"

n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr

"I had a problem with the power steering"

n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt

"The car is fine"



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n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten

"Ogier had a rear wheel missing, I think one suspension was broken. This stage was off-road kind, I am looking forward to the other two"

n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson

"I was trying to push but it's so rough, I don't want to destroy the car"

n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini

"The steering is bent, I will try to fix it, same problem as in Portugal and Argentina"

n. 147 Araujo - Miguel

"This stage was a disaster, lots of deep ruts, we lost some time, maybe I will put full attack in the next stage. We have solved our problems, now the car is better"

n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin

"Now we are fifth, we don't have much reason to risk"

n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak

"It felt like in a train, I just followed the rails"

n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo

"Very difficult, but no problems. It's very hot in the car, engine still misfiring"

n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek

"Terrible, hot stage, we were always on the sumpguard"

n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho

"Still in the same situation, we only have front wheel drive, it's terrible to drive in this way"

n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet

"No traction out of the corners, and wheelspin. There are too many minutes to the next car so we just have to wait for someone to make a mistake"