



## STAGE FLASH

Date: 8 May 2010

Day: Two

Special Stage: 16

Weather: Overcast

Road Conditions: Dusty and dry – clearer line on road

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Flash No: 16

Distance: 30.89 kms

### Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

It's loose. But this stage is a very good one. I'm on it I can tell you; I am using all of the road and then more. I am trying to get the times as best as I can, so I will try my hardest, and we will see how it goes. It is tomorrow that is important, and if I can get a good starting position that will help a lot.

### Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

I am disappointed. I drove as well as I can, I can't really come any better and the times are not good. Third is alright for tomorrow, but we need to do something, we are losing far too much time.

### Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

(In response to Julian's statement "It doesn't appear that anyone is playing any tactics") It is much better like this, everybody is trying to push as fast as they can today. It was a very enjoyable day. I think now that Loeb will be very close to me or maybe leading tonight. He has been incredibly fast today, but I think I have pushed as fast as I can. We will see tomorrow now.

### Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

My day today was not very good, but I will try to compete with Latvala and Petter tomorrow, but Loeb was really really fast. It has been a very difficult surface, difficult to drive. But we will see tomorrow, I think the road will be more clean.

### Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

There have been small mistakes, and then we just don't have the speed either. We still lost 4 secs to Ogier, so I can't out-drive him. I don't understand, but I can't go any faster that is for sure.

### Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

I really enjoyed this stage but with the problem with the brakes, you are pushing the pedal hard, but you're not really stopping. It is quite tricky when it is like that. But I have really enjoyed this one, with it being a lot cleaner it is much nicer. The previous two were quite tricky, but tomorrow will be a good day as it is one of my favourite stages in the morning so I'm looking forward to it.

### Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

I think this was my greatest rally day, it was incredible. We drove today, flat out everywhere in every stage and I think we are not far from the lead now. An incredible day. It was really my best day or rallying. It is incredible when you can make time like that, when you make a mistake and then try everything to make up for it. I don't know what will happen tomorrow, but I should get in the points.

### Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

It is OK.

### Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

It was a little better, a little clearer. But still technical.

**Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg**

Tricky stage. It was more tricky than on the first time. There were some places where it was very slippery and other places not so slippery. So it was very hard to get a rhythm. We are very lucky to be here as there were a few moments.

**Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro**

No good. I had a spin in the middle of the stage and I lost 10-12 secs. But no problems the car is good.

**Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek**

It was Ok. The stage was very good. But we are but we had one big moment at full speed, we were very lucky. We lost a lot of time on the stage before as there was a crash and we had to stop there. Hopefully the time will be repaired. But this stage was good for us.

**Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini**

It was OK. It is a really fast stage. It is good that we are clear today, although we still have the super special.

**Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard**

It was good. It is getting quite slippery in the rear of the car now. We put some new front tyres on it before the start of this stage, and it might have upset the balance of the car. It was a clean run, nothing spectacular.

**Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson**

It was OK. There was a lot of dust from the car in front of me.

**Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen**

Nothing special. We tried to push some stages, but we cannot find good times so it is frustrating.

**Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt**

Not so bad today. Quite difficult as some places are quite fast, some places are very narrow and twisty, so you have to change your mind, so that is not so easy.

**Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham**

We had another spin in there so lost quite a bit of time.

**Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall**

There was a lot more grip than this morning, but there is still a section that is like ice, really slippery section of road. But we are doing Ok.

**Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon**

We went as hard as we could go. It was good.

**Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle**

Faster now that is swept. The car is more balanced now that we have got the bits fixed up and it was good. I enjoyed it.

**Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring**

It was a great stage. We've started to learn the car a little bit better. Really quite happy. Time was pretty reasonable as well. So all things considered I'm pretty stoked.

**Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins**

It was alright. It was pretty fast near the end there but I'm not on the pace I don't think.

**Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox**

It started off really messy, I had a couple of moments, but it ended really well.

**Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden**

Not too bad. We are struggling as we have lost 5th gear, so we were really struggling in the fast stuff at the end in 4th. But other than that the stage went good.

**Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward**

We lost 5th gear after the super special, so we are just trying to nurse it home now. But it was not too bad.

**Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy**

It was alright.

**Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer**

Unfortunately we squashed the exhaust off the start line, so I've had no power for the whole stage. It has been a bit of a handful.

**Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis**

Not too bad. We didn't have as much dust through that stage as the previous time through so hopefully we will be heaps faster.

**Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder**

Not too bad. Brakes went off towards the end, but just tried to drive as smooth as possible. The tyres are getting a bit shagged now too, so just wanted a nice consistent run.

**Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin**

Much Better. Not as slippery as this morning. This should make our time more faster.

**Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci**

It was OK.

**Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie**

Good, second time through. Still got brakes so that is good.

**Car 87. Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro**

Definitely getting a lot more confident with the car again and definitely faster.

**Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth 77**

It was much better than before. I think we have taken 34-35 secs out from our first run through, so I'm pretty happy with that.

**Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley**

It was an awful lot better, as we didn't get a puncture this time around. Super.

**Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry**

Fantastic.