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SPECIAL STAGE 2 FLASH

DATE: 10 June 2016

FLASH NUMBER: 02

DAY: 01

SPECIAL STAGE: SS02 – Ardara-Ozieri

DISTANCE: 7.5km

WEATHER: sunny

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “Very difficult, very slippery for us and fast. But no surprises there. Our setting is fine”.

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaener Syinnevaag (Volkswagen Polo R WRC) “It was a nice stage. Really fast. A proper wake up call. There is a little grip in there even in the tarmac section. I was surprised by this. Let's hope to continue like this”.

Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Very slippery and fast this first one, but I was expecting it”.

Car #3 H. Paddon / J. Kennard (Hyundai New Generation I20 WRC): “Obviously quite slippery. I struggled for rhythm. Not the tidiest stage”.

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation I20 WRC): “No issues. Very difficult narrow and fast. The time is not so good”.

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “It was a good start, maybe a bit too aggressive in the first couple of corners but I have to be happy with this stage. In the long stages you cannot be too aggressive”.

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “There was a stupid edge we missed in recce at the hairpin. We had a spin and reversed, it cost us some time, well for the podium is still a long rally”.

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation I20 WRC): “With the softs at the rear and hards at the front the rear was moving a lot. I was lacking of confidence. I decided to take it carefully”.

Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “I did not drive very well. The stage is very narrow and very fast...I am confident!”.



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Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): (unusually very quiet) “It was OK. No issues [but not very happy, shaking his head]”.

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “I drove with four hard tyres but I’ve pushed very hard on this one ”.[there is a strong smell of brakes]

Car #37 L. Bertelli / S. Scattolin (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Very tricky and narrow stage. Very fast. Time is OK, not so bad. It is a great rally, great to be in the home rally. We are on soft tyres, our setup is ok. Will try and do my best”.

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (BMW Mini Countryman WRC) and Car #30 Y. Al Rajhi / M. Orr (Ford Fiesta RS WRC) crashed out in the first section of the stage.

Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai I20 WRC): “”.

Car #42 N. Fuchs / F. Mussano (Skoda Fabia R5): “”.

Car #32 A. Kremer / P. Winklhofer (Skoda Fabia R5): “”.

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): “Very technical, not easy to go fast. There was a big stone and I tried to avoid it but it is ok”.

Car #41 M. Aasen / V. Engan (Ford Fiesta R5): “The car is very good. It is really tricky and narrow stage. You can go fast if you want but it is good not to take any risk on this one”.