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## SPECIAL STAGE 11 FLASH

**DATE:** 11 June 2016

**FLASH NUMBER:** 11

**DAY:** 02

**SPECIAL STAGE:** SS11 – Coiluna - Loelle 1

**DISTANCE:** 22.39 km

**WEATHER:** sunny

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** dry

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "A good stage, tried to push but obviously it's not so easy. I just give my best. There was a lot of dust, I was lost in my own dust".

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "It has been a tough morning, but good so far. Happy with my driving and the car is amazing. Quite dusty at times, it is quite tricky".

Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "It was OK, very nice stage. I enjoyed it. Dust was OK, better than in the previous stage. Andreas has increased his pace a lot and it looks like we are still on his tail So far it is not so bad. Of course I am looking forward to Monte Lerno".

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "There is no grip at all in the rear. It is very difficult, impossible to keep it in the line. I lost a lot of time. I do not know why it is, but it is like a 2WD".

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "I had good running. I'm happy with the driving, I think we are the first car to use a mix of tyres here: soft at the front and hard at the rear. We have a tyre change for Monte Lerno so no problem".

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "It has really been a fun stage. We have some damaged tyres from the previous stage so we had to fit two softs here. But still ok and I am enjoying a lot".

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "Not so nice. Did not feel good with the car on the very fast and narrow road section. But we did a clean run without any risks. Sometimes I lose the rear and I do not know why. It is very difficult to drive when it is narrow and you lose the rear".



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Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It was very good, stages are very narrow and fast between the trees. It is difficult ... Car is working well and tyres are OK, we are very happy. Yesterday was tough for us but today we are in the same conditions [as the others]”.

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It was OK no problem at all. A little bit better but still not perfect. Monte Lerno is a special one, I will put hard tyres on and see”.

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “The car is good, all is good. Flat out. I try to go as fast as I can in every corner and every breaking. I am happy. Circuit stages are tricky, I could not see anything as the others I think”.

Car #37 L. Bertelli / S. Scattolin (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “The rear was moving everywhere. Setup might be too rigid. It is difficult to get the right confidence and commit. The Monte Lerno should be better as it will be hotter”.

Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai i20 WRC): “The stage is so soft. There is no way to get enough heat in the hard tyres. In the previous stage it was better. We are struggling with the tyres. Nevertheless, the car feels good and suits my driving. We just try to improve every day. Looking forward to Monte Lerno”.

Car #30 A. Rajhi / M. Orr (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Good stage, we improved. Finally, it is OK but we can do even better. The goal for today is to keep the level high as in Portugal. The brakes don't work very well ..we will see”.

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (Mini Countryman WRC): “All is OK, these stages are so tricky, sometimes rough and narrow. The feeling is good though”.

Car #44 U. Scandola / G. D'Amore (Skoda Fabia R5): “A problem with a puncture in the first stage. This is rallying. But the day is long and we are still going”.

Car #35 E. Lappi / J. Ferm (Skoda Fabia R5): “No mistakes, no problems everything is fine. We are leading, I think everything is under control... there is a long way to go. You never know, everything could still happen”.

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): “It is OK, but I am not so happy with this stage. My first time on this stage in a four-wheel drive car. Not such a great drive. We plan to get a better run on the next loop. The most important thing is to finish”.

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Car #42 N. Fuchs / F. Mussano (Skoda Fabia R5): “[10s behind] I do not know I did not check the time. I think it was OK, I like this stage a lot . Monte Lerno? I like a little part, some other bits are very rough”.

Car #43 J.Kopecky / P.Dresler ( Skoda Fabia R5): “On this stage my driving was not so good, it is very narrow and slippery. I lost a little bit of confidence and made some stupid mistakes I used the brakes a lot to avoid doing other mistakes. Let's hope to get confidence back for Monte Lerno, it is very different. New tyres will now go on for sure”.

Car #41 M. Aasen / V. Engan (Ford Fiesta R5): “The stage was OK. I hit a stone before and we broke something in the right front but we fixed in the road section. It was my fault. The steering is not 100%. I little bit nervous but it's OK”.

Car #32 A. Kremer / P. Winklhofer (Skoda Fabia R5): “Hard work, but it is not easy to drive and you cannot see what is behind the corners. There were a couple of stones in the line. The stage is very nice and enjoyable to drive”.

Car #47 K. Kruuda / M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): “So and so, I made a spin in the previous stage and now I have some problems with the gearbox that makes some grinding noises and the grip was changing a lot. Very difficult for my confidence and concentration I tend to back down”.

Car #48 F. Turan / G. Zsiros ( Ford Fiesta R5): “We made a mistake, we missed one corner and lost 5-6s but we are faster than yesterday and we are happy. We will try to have a good push in the Monte Lerno”.

Car #45 J. Maurin / O. Ural (Skoda Fabia R5): “Very difficult, there are some rocks on the road. We had a puncture yesterday and today we have to keep calm, it is a long day”.

Car #40 Q. Gilbert / R. Jamoul (Citroen DS3 R5): “Good stage, we did not take risks... some parts are very narrow and tricky. Not a bad time, all is OK”.

Car #61 F. Andolfi / M.Fenoli (Peugeot 208 R2): “I am very happy with my team that fixed the car as yesterday we had a few problems in the front of the car the stage was very good but difficult for me. There were a lot of rocks in the way. I am very happy”.

Car #62 D.De Tommaso/P.Rocca (Peugeot 208 R2): “It was a very difficult leg. Now I will start focusing on Monte Lerno as it is the most difficult of all stages. Car is OK, tyres also. But it is a difficult rally”.