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SPECIAL STAGE 12 FLASH

DATE: 11 June 2016

FLASH NUMBER: 12

DAY: 012

SPECIAL STAGE: SS12 – Monte Lerno 1

DISTANCE: 44.26 km

WEATHER: sunny

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “No issues with the brakes, we tried to create an issue. [...] You have no choice with tyres when you start first, so loose gravel. In our position it's an obligation”. [The wear of tyres does not look excessive, 5 softs on]

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “Every year I have been slow on this stage, this is the first time I have done it not so bad. I was perhaps a little bit careful in the last split but I am closing in so that is ok. ”. [very soft and hot tyres, 5 softs on]

Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Not bad, we had a very good stage in here. Very good tyres as well, a very last minute choice with some stress but it worked out well. No moment in the middle part, it was very slippery in some places. I felt I had an even rhythm. My plan was to go full hard but when I saw Ogier's choice I decided to go two hard and two softs, hence the stress” [3H&2S]

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation I20 WRC): “It's very hot and dusty in here. A difficult and very long stage. We did not have good support from the tyres, with softs we lost a lot of time. We needed harder tyres, but it is OK”. [a little bit of damage on the rear of the car, 5 softs on]

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “Two hard two soft... you definitely needed hard on the front. I was struggling for grip on the rear and it was moving about. But overall it was a good run” [5 hard]

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Really hard, not so easy but we managed to make it through which is important. We have a big job to do, road is cleaning and we are trying to do our best. With this road position we should be winning stages” [hard tyres not bad at all]

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation I20 WRC): “I gave everything, maybe towards the end I was a little bit too careful. It was really difficult to keep the car in the clean line. We did not make mistakes. I cannot do much more”.



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Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Very very hard stage. It is very hard to stay concentrated for such a long time...We were driving only with the notes, but the time is surprisingly good. I am happy, I thought we would be slower”

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “We tried the softs, they seemed to be OK this morning but. But they got really worn now. They were not the best choice and we were waiting for a long time at the start” [excessively soft-nearly flat front left, all rubber still there though]

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It was good. A very good time in this car. Not bad. I think I lost 15s changing gears” [very happy, has manual gearbox, showed blisters on his hands].

Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai I20 WRC): “We felt a slow puncture at the rear after 10k, but then we had a front left puncture and I did not feel it because of the one in the rear. I noticed it when the front wing came off we have to investigate what happened. We had to finish slowly It will be very long two hours.”. [lost front end of car, front left puncture]

Car #30 A. Rajhi / M.Orr (Ford Fiesta RS Wrc): “We were lucky that we finished. I think we lost front brakes and I did the last 20k without. Hand brake was also very loose. Then it was all about making it through”.

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (Mini Countryman WRC): “We stopped because of a puncture and had to change the wheel 20km to the finish. We hit a stone and we broke the wheel, the steering wheel does not run straight now” [car looks ok nothing showing]

Car #35 E. Lappi / J. Ferm (Skoda Fabia R5): [stopped with technical problem]

Car #41 M. Aasen / V. Engan (Ford Fiesta R5): “I had a puncture in front left and then no brakes. It was really difficult without brakes”.

Car #47 K. Kruuda / M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): “My stage was nice, sunny and nice. I managed to come around all corners, the book was like the Bible to us. I had a moment, but I was easy on the car and the car was easy on me”.