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## SPECIAL STAGE 13 FLASH

**DATE:** 11 June 2016

**FLASH NUMBER:** 13

**DAY:** 02

**SPECIAL STAGE:** SS13 Monti di Alà 2

**DISTANCE:** 22.20 km

**WEATHER:** partial

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** dry

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "No question on tyres. It's much too hot now for the softs. Not so good grip for me and I struggled with the rear. Conditions are pretty rough at times. We should not need a spare, chances of rain are very very small". [4 hard tyres & 1 soft]

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "Everything is fine. I am actually quite happy with the drive. Seb did a great job here. [Ostberg?] I am focusing on Sebastian for the championship". [5 hard tyres, 10s time penalty, service out 1min late]

Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "A big confusion at the start with our start time. Andreas was late starting and the marshals wanted to send me in just one minute after him. We refused, but it's not good to be arguing just before the start. It was not the normal procedure so I was a bit distracted in the first few kms so I was slow, we need to drive not to fight". [5 hard tyres]

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "Outside the line there is not a lot of grip. I'm happy with my time. Difficult stage, but I enjoyed it a lot. ". [5 hard tyres]

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "Not a good time, compared to Seb or Dani. With so many rocks around I did not want to take any risks, but maybe I have been too careful". [5 hard tyres]

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "It just exploded in a straight. I was lucky it did not happen also on the right one". [front left puncture no rubber left, excessive wear on front right, 5 hard tyres].

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "I pushed quite hard and had a clean run. In the rough part the car was jumping like hell hitting rocks. A great time but I sweat a lot". [5 hard tyres]





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Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “The time this morning was good, now not that great, but we did a good stage. It is all right, no issues the car is working well”. [5 hard tyres]

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “I haven't seen any rain. It is really rough, I did not get grip at the beginning of the stage it was horrible towards the end it is better. I did not like this stage”. [very clean windscreen- no rain, 5 hard tyres]

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It is very very good, I liked it. My driving? Flat out!”. [amused, 5H]

Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai i20 WRC): “The time is great but the stage wasn't good, I had a big impact we have to look into it. I did not have any idea on when to change gear”. [digital read out in his hands, strong smell of oil that is dropping, 5 hard tyres]

