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SPECIAL STAGE 17 FLASH

DATE: 12 June 2016

FLASH NUMBER: 17

DAY: 03

SPECIAL STAGE: SS17 - Sassari - Argentiera 1

DISTANCE: 6.07 km

WEATHER: clear

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (Mini Countryman WRC): “Really unpleasant, it is like Sahara desert at places. The car is OK”.

Car #30 A. Rajhi / M.Orr (Ford Fiesta RS Wrc): “We overshoot it on this one too, but it is OK. It was on a tough and slippery corner, pace notes were good. Nice stage and nice view”.

Car #10 K. Abbring /S. Marshall (hyundai i20 WRC): “I could not downshift in a corner, but then it worked again. Then next corner the car stopped completely. I had to do a power cycle and now it seems OK. It is difficult, to get a clean run here, it is difficult to find the rhythm this morning”.

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger(Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “Probably the worst stage I've ever done in terms of cleaning. I struggled for grip, sliding side to side”.

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomaken (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Nothing compared to other stages. Quite fine dust, it is interesting to drive on a stage like this like Dakar. I hit a big stone in the middle of the car sector halfway through. I think it might have been because Andreas was pushing a bit. Not very easy”.

Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Engine problem, not sure what it is. ”
[concerned, engine cut out twice and it sounds strange]

Car#16 H.Solberg / H. I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “My rear right suspension is broken. I pushed as hard as I could. It is not easy, when I am breaking the car goes sideways. I do not care, I just drive. Do not know how the suspension got broken”.

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “All good, no worries. It is difficult to drive this one, a tricky rally. I will try to manage to get to the end of it”.

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “I overshoot a junction but nothing very important. Very slippery and rocky stage, narrow and difficult to drive”.



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Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "A bit like driving on the beach. There is so much sand everywhere. Not so enjoyable to drive. In conditions like this I don't think there will be a big push on the Power Stage. If I finish third I can get still lots of valid points".

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "I lost three seconds on the first stage and the gap is 19s and that is really annoying . I have no chance to catch Thierry without a mistake so I am just trying to get a good feeling and rhythm avoiding big risks".

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "Jari-Matti never gives up! A pretty clean run but It will be tough for the car on the second pass. I feel comfortable I am happy with the car, I am enjoying it".

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): "It was OK, but I am not so happy. It is so sandy here. It feels like Dakar".

Car #43 J.Kopecky / P.Dresler (Skoda Fabia R5): "Yeah, there will be no battle with Nicholas. It is a pity. It was a good battle. We are driving in Dakar conditions"

Car #47 K.Kruuda/M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): "Very pleasant sunday morning drive I would say, but very tricky stages with a lot of loose sand. Very difficult stages here in Sardinia but beautiful scenery".

Car #32 A.Kremer /P. Winklhofer (Skoda Fabia R5) : "It is a Dakar race as for all the others. No traction and very difficult to drive, but it is OK that is what spectators like".

Car #45 J. Maurin / O. Ural (Skoda Fabia R5): "Nice stage, very slippery with a lot of gravel inside the car but it has been good fun".

Car #46 P.L. Loubet / V. Landais (Citroen DS3 R5): "Very very difficult stage, I lost some time in the dust".

Car #41 M. Aasen / V.Engan (Ford Fiesta R5) : "I had problems yesterday, but that is rallying. You need to focus on the next stages. Not so rough in here, but it is very loose and rapid. Difficult conditions but we are learning".

Car #48 F. Turan / G. Zsiros (Ford Fiesta R5): "I had a problem yesterday, a broken steering arm. We went off and were lucky we did not hit a big stone or anything. Today it is OK, but I do not like these conditions".



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Car #35 E.Lappi / J. Ferm (Skoda Fabia R5): "A great time? Did the best I could do what else I can do? I can only push. Time is not bad, it is good fun today".

Car #40 Q.Gilbert / R. Jamoul (Citroen DS3 R5): "The car is OK".

Car #49 A. N. Bestard / F. V. Mendonca (Ford Fiesta R5): "Yes we had issues these days we broke an arm suspension on Friday and then yesterday we leaked oil. It feels like home with all this dust".

Car #83 R. Tononi / P.Comini (Ford Fiesta WRC): "I do not know, not a good day. The car is not good, we had an incident yesterday and we take it easy today".

Car #61 F. Andolfi / M. Fenoli (Peugeot 208 R2): "We had a good weekend, stages are very difficult and very slippery but OK. Very difficult with a 2WD car, there were big rocks on the road and it is very very slippery".

Car #62 D. De Tommaso / P.Rocca (Peugeot 208 R2): "Very difficult stages. Today I have a small problem with the gearbox switch but everything else is OK"

