



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009

**Day:** 1      **Flash N°:** 1

**Special stage:** 1 – Sa Conchedda      **Distance:** 14,99 km

**Weather:** Good weather, no wind

**Road conditions:** Compact and even surface for nearly all the stage. Not a lot of spectators, all correctly placed in the spectators' areas.

**n. 1 Loeb - Elena**

"Very difficult to find the limit, I had a good drive, I do not think I could do a lot better. I thought that being first on the road I would lose more time but from the splits I have seen that I have not lost much on Mikko"

**n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen**

"It seems that Citroen are using tactics. We were faster than Sébastien but we struggled"

**n. 2 Sordo – Marti (started the stage late, after Hirvonen)**

"I had a problem with a damper and that is the reason why I was late at the start"

**n. 6 Solberg H. - Menkerud**

"The car is Ok, the road was very narrow, it will be better in the next stages. I drove carefully to avoid taking risks"

**n. 11 Solberg P. - Mills**

"In the last six kilometres the engine was overheating. I had to slow down otherwise we would have won the stage"

**n. 5 Wilson - Martin**

"I broke something in hydraulics. Something is not working. In the fast parts I must lift off to shift gears"

**n. 4 Latvala - Anttila**

"I did not drive well and the first corners were very slippery. In a hairpin the engine revs dropped really low."

**n. 9 Villagra – Perez Companc**

"I had to start in manual, the rest is OK"

**n. 12 Ogier - Ingrassia**

"The car is slightly damaged in the rear left corner but the driver did not feel anything, all OK"

**n. 21 Ostberg - Engan**

"I am going slowly I am not very confident the car is ok but I must do some adjustments to the dampers"

**n. 8 Rautenbach - Barritt**

"I am trying to drive on clear lines, the feeling is good and the car is OK"



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- n. 10 Al Qassimi - Orr**  
"Very slippery especially some braking points. The day is long"
- n. 7 Novikov - Moscatt**  
"We have a problem with pacenotes five corners from the end, I do not know if it is a mistake or we got lost, we will see"
- n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak**  
"Very difficult, the stage is bumpy, we are a bit too low on ride heights and we touch the sump. We try to be fast without destroying the car"
- n. 31 Burkart - Kolbach**  
"We hit a stone but luckily we did not get a puncture"
- n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek**  
"I pushed a lot, I am tired as if the stage was 40 kilometres long"
- n. 37 Abbring - Mombaerts**  
"Set-up problems"
- n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin**  
"Set-up is not good but I am happy with my stage time"
- n. 33 Bertolotti – Celestini**  
"Hit a rock, had a puncture on the rear right and lost two minutes"
- n. 34 Griotti - Bonato**  
"Went off the road after intermediate 1"
- n. 36 Weijs - Degandt**  
"Quote."
- n. 35 Bonato - Boulloud**  
"Quote."
- n. 147 Araujo - Miguel**  
"The car bounces, problems with the suspensions "
- n. 150 Al-Attiyah – Bernacchini**  
"I did not have the good rhythm"
- n. 146 Sandell - Axelsson**  
"I have a strange noise on the rear diff"
- n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet**  
"The engine was heating a lot"
- n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten**



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"I have noise on the front diff"

**n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepol**  
"Quote."

**n. 139 Campedelli - Fappani**  
"Hit something on the last corner of the stage"