



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009

**Day :** 2

**Special Stage:** 7 - Sa Linea

**Weather:** Sun

**Flash N° :** 7

**Distance :** 14.20 km

**Road Condition:** Hard surface, lots of spectators well placed in the dedicated areas

**n. 4 Latvala - Antilla**

"It didn't feel too bad, some loose gravel but underneath there are places with good grip, let's see how fast the other guys are, "

**n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen**

"It's a really bad stage, I don't like it at all, lots of rocks which mean there is so much noise inside the car that you can't even hear the pacenotes properly"

**n. 1 Loeb – Elena**

"Not so well, I do not like this stage, I am not able to go like the others, but the car is ok"

**n. 11 Solberg P - Mills**

"The main problem is the dust on the road"

**n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt**

"Very difficult stage, some dust"

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

"Still a long way but the car is working well, I am happy. It was very difficult with the loose gravel"

**n. 21 Ostberg – Engan**

"I am a little bit more experienced, things are going well, no problems, I was very cautious in the rough, did not want to destroy anything"

**n. 2 Sordo - Marti**

"Really hard for the car, very slippery and difficult"

**n. 5 Wilson - Martin**

"I've struggled a bit at the start to get confidence in the road, then it was better. The car seems good today. The road will be worse in the afternoon"

**n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr**

"I don't like it, I did not find a good balance, The road is quite tricky and I don't enjoy it"

**n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt**

"Didn't feel too great, stage is really tricky. It's so warm, we'll see what we can do"

**n. 9 Villagra - Perez Companc**

"It was ok, difficult stage, very slippery"



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**n. 12 Ogier – Ingrassia**

“Yes, all ok, now the rally for me is different, I just have to drive”

**n. 22 Zanchi - D’Esposito**

“I think today will be hotter than yesterday, difficult stage, many rocks”

**n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten**

“I thought I had two punctures at the rear but it is not the case, something must be broken, perhaps the rear diff.”

**n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson**

“It was good, we raised the car last night since we knew these stages would be rough and I think we made the right choice”

**n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini**

“It’s a very tricky stage, long corners and tight hairpins, we will check the car in the morning then will try to push again in the afternoon like yesterday”

**n. 147 Araujo - Miguel**

“Very difficult, big rocks, very slippery, I am very happy with the car, today it has more power in the engine, I had a problem with the fuel pump on the road section before the stage, but fixed it”

**n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin**

“Difficult stage for our car with only front wheel drive, I struggled to keep the back end coming out of corners. We raised the car but it’s always very difficult”

**n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak**

“Difficult to keep the car on the road, traction is really bad, ruts are forming. We are making up time on Bettega”

**n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo**

“Difficult to hear my codriver because of the gravel, engine problems, misfire”

**n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek**

“Very good time, I want to see the next stage. The stage is very bad”

**n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho**

“The stage is terrible, conditions are very bad, we hit a rock with one of the front wheels”

**n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet**

“Not so difficult but absolutely full of ruts, I hear that it’s an old railway road, that’s why in the corners You must follow the ruts. It’s difficult to push today because yesterday we lost nearly an hour in the last stage, because of electronic problems”



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**n. 31 Burkart - Kolbach**

"Unbelievable, I think I only saw this one time in another rally, as soon as you lose the line you are in trouble. I think I have a puncture in the back and will check, maybe it's just because of the stones"

**n. 137 Sauvan - Capanna**

"A good stage, very difficult, the rally is long and I'm in a position to score points for the championship"

**n. 82 Dettori - Corda**

"Difficult stage especially in the first two kilometres."

**n. 36 Weijs - Degandt**

"This stage is not good, no grip, it's not nice"

**n. 61 Thomas – Prevot**

"The stage is very rough, our aim is to finish, we have some problems with the car misfiring"

**n. 64 Semerad – Ceplecha**

"I really didn't like the stage, the second pass is going to be terrible"