



## STAGE FLASH

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

**Day :** 2

**Flash N° :** 10

**Special Stage:** 10 - Sa Linea

**Distance :** 14.20 km

**Weather:** Sun – light tropical breeze

**Road Condition:** Stage is very tricky, lots of high ruts, particularly 6 km after the start and 2 km before the finish, very difficult for 2wd cars

**n. 4 Latvala - Antilla**

“No problems, the stage was very rough, this will be a hard afternoon. We want to win this rally”

**n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen**

Got out at the stop control to look under his car - “I did a good time”

**n. 1 Loeb – Elena**

“It’s impossible to drive this stage with a normal car, the road is too rough”

**n. 11 Solberg P - Mills**

“Very hot in the stage, it was very hard, we had overheating again and the engine lost power”

**n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt**

“A very difficult stage, one of the most difficult on this rally because of the road conditions, I struggled with the car”

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

“It’s Ok, we are quite happy, it’s very rough out there, the most difficult one I did”

**n. 21 Ostberg – Engan**

“It’s very difficult when it’s this rough. I am not so happy with the set-up changes from this morning, the car is understeering very much”

**n. 2 Sordo - Marti**

“Not happy about the stage, I did not like to drive it, it’s very hard on the car”

**n. 5 Wilson - Martin**

“Not very good, we struggled in the rough, hopefully the other stages will be in better condition”

**n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr**

“I had a problem with the power steering”

**n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt**

“The car is fine”



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**n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten**

"Ogier had a rear wheel missing, I think one suspension was broken. This stage was off-road kind, I am looking forward to the other two"

**n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson**

"I was trying to push but it's so rough, I don't want to destroy the car"

**n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini**

"The steering is bent, I will try to fix it, same problem as in Portugal and Argentina"

**n. 147 Araujo - Miguel**

"This stage was a disaster, lots of deep ruts, we lost some time, maybe I will put full attack in the next stage. We have solved our problems, now the car is better"

**n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin**

"Now we are fifth, we don't have much reason to risk"

**n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak**

"It felt like in a train, I just followed the rails"

**n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo**

"Very difficult, but no problems. It's very hot in the car, engine still misfiring"

**n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek**

"Terrible, hot stage, we were always on the sumpguard"

**n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho**

"Still in the same situation, we only have front wheel drive, it's terrible to drive in this way"

**n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet**

"No traction out of the corners, and wheelspin. There are too many minutes to the next car so we just have to wait for someone to make a mistake"