



STAGE FLASH

DATE: 18 October 2012

DAY: 1

SPECIAL STAGE: SS1 - Terranova

WEATHER: Sunny

ROAD CONDITIONS: compact surface on first section, loose gravel on second section

FLASH NO: 1

DISTANCE: 28.14km

CAR #3 – J.M Latvala / M. Anttila: “I decided to start first on the road and I hope I didn’t loose too much on Loeb. I think 15 seconds would be ok because I think I’ll be quite fast on the second run.”

CAR #5 – O. Tanak / K. Sikk: I’m quite unhappy, as I’m the only one on hard tyres. I’m not happy with the tyre choice as I couldn’t find a good rhythm.”

CAR #4 – P. Solberg / C. Pattersson: There are a lot of rocks in some places and you needed to go really carefully. I hope the second passage will be cleaner and not so slippery.”

CAR #6 – E. Novikov / I. Minor: “It was very slippery and tricky. I couldn’t find a good rhythm on this stage. I hope the second run will be better.”

CAR #1 – S.Loeb / D. Elena: Fastest time with 19:09.4. On the second run Latvala will be faster for sure. I’m quite surprised with his choice, I think he was thinking about the second run and based on the fact the sun will go down tonight.”

CAR #2 – M. Hirvonen / J. Lehtinen: “It was a good start, we didn’t have any problems. Séb was very fast.”

CAR #10 – M. Ostberg / J. Andersson: “I had drive shaft problem at the beginning of the stage. Then on the downhill section we hit a stone, we had a spin and now we have big problems with the steering.”

CAR #7 – T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul: “I’m not happy with the time. We didn’t get any splits but that wasn’t the problem.”

CAR #24 – L. Pedersoli / M. Romano “It was ok, I hadn’t done a gravel rally in 11 years.”



CAR #14 – P. Nobre / E. Paula “We crashed in the Qualifying Stage, the team did an amazing job and we’re here now. This stage was really difficult, the time isn’t great.”

CAR #22 – S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia: “All ok for us, we didn’t have any problems.”

CAR #23 – A. Mikkelsen / O. Floene: “It was great, the road was clean and we were very fast.”

CAR #42 – R. Trivino / A. Haro: “ I lost my brakes halfway through the stage.”

CAR #40 – G. Linari / A. Cecchi “It was very tricky and I suffered a lot with the heat.”

CAR #34 – L. Bertelli / L. Granai - Retired with mechanical problems

CAR #41 – O. Kikireshko / S. Larens: “It was very slippery and tricky in there.”

CAR #52 – G. Dettori / C. Pisano “We were a bit careful at the beginning of the stage as we don’t know the car very well. We were caught in the dust of the car in front of us but we didn’t have any problems.”

CAR #54 – M. Spagolla / G. Marchi “We have a problem with the intercom”

CAR #61 – M. Angrisani – M. Pollicino “It was good, I thought the time would be worse as I couldn’t find a rhythm of the first section of the stage.”

CAR #65 – G. Manfrinato / F. Zanella: Retired

CAR #64 – R. Sungkar / S. Beckwith: “The stage is beautiful but really, really demanding from a physical point of view.”

CAR #66 – F. Marrone / F. Fresu: “We were very careful at the beginning of the stage, we know this stage but we didn’t push too much because it’s pointless at this stage.”

CAR #71 – D. Catania / F. Salis “I was caught on Nicolas’ dust in the second half of the stage.”

CAR #75 – R. Donadio – G. Di Luigi: Retired. Will restart tomorrow with Rally2.

