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STAGE FLASH

Date: September 10, 2010 Flash No:

Day: 1 Distance: 26.92km

Special Stage: SS3 IWANKE Long 1

Weather: Sunny Road conditions: dry

1. Sebastien LOEB / Daniel ELENA

No, rhythm. I want to try to push. But no solution for that. Maybe it is because of road condition a little bit, but not so much. We have to check. No idea whether it was because of car setup or not. I was pushing but I cannot keep the car on the line. I don't know.

2. Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

I think it is start. I have a good feeling. So it was a good stage. I am doing the cleaning on this road. A lot of gravels.

3. Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LIEHTINEN

It was tricky. It is getting so soft. Car is no going forward. The tires are just spinning. The second time will be deep ruts. It is going to be difficult. Some places are dry. And if you are the first car on the road, that is very good. But if you are further back on the road, ruts are getting deeper and deeper and softer.

4. Jari-matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

We did not get any split times. I thought I was doing well but I was driving too carefully. I cannot do anything. I lost a bit of time here. But there are many days to go still.

5. Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

It is not easiest opening stage for sure. I have not driven on gravel since Finland. So it took a few kilometers to get feeling. There are already quite deep ruts so the second time is going to be difficult. But not so much that road.

6.Henning SOLBERG / Ilka MINOR

Very very bad.

7. Dani SORDO / Diego VALLEJO

I'm happy about my time. It is not easy stage. A little bit rough and a lot of gravels. It is ok for the first days. The road is not clean. Gravels are everywhere.

8. Kimi RAIKKONEN / Kaj LINDSTROM

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No comment

9. Federico VILLAGRA / Jorge PEREZ COMPANC

No comment

11. Petter SOLBERG / Chris PATTERSON

I feel a little bit better. But it is hard to concentrate sometime. This stage was not too bad. I'm quite happy. But we made a lot of mistakes. We can improve much more.

14. Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR

No comment

22. Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMANEK

It was not easy. Not easy. I did not expect this to be difficult like this.

26. Bernardo SOUSA / Nuno RODRIGUES DA SILVA

It was ok. I was not feeling good on the driving but managed to finish this stage.

29. Jari KETOMAA / Mika STENBERG

Ok. Very slippery. I did not get good grip from my tires. So it was very tricky.

32. Toshi ARAI / Daniel BARRITT

Just after the start, FIV was at the front of me. I had to pass the FIV in this stage. So it was very bad.

38. Hayden PADDON / John KENNARD

The stage was not very good. The safety car was in the middle of this stage.

48. Patrik FLODIN / Goran BERGSTEN

The stage was ok but my suspension is too soft.