**STAGE FLASH**

**Date: 23 April 2022**

**Day: 3 Flash N°: 10**

**Special stage: SS9, Kostanjevac - Petruš Vrh 1 Distance: 23.76 km**

**Weather: Overcast and dry, 10 degrees**

**Road conditions: Dry but damp patches, mud on road and some fog**

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**Car #4. ESAPEKKA LAPPI/JANNE FERM**

Rejoins on rally re-start rules. “It was a short day yesterday, so I want to understand the car more. The conditions are probably trickier now than yesterday. Yesterday was clearly wet all the time, but now you have some damp patches and dry as well so it’s very hard to estimate the grip.”

**Car #7. PIERRE-LOUIS LOUBET/VINCENT LANDAIS**

Rejoins on rally re-start rules. 1.8s slower than Lappi. “If the whole rally is like this it will not be fun! Very tricky. I tried, but it’s already so muddy. We will do our own rally and step by step try to push.”

**Car #44. GUS GREENSMITH/JONAS ANDERSSON**

Punctures on SS8 last night meant he didn’t make it back to service. Running to re-start rules too. 14.9s slower than Lappi. “It was okay, I just wasn’t really getting the braking and it didn’t feel so nice. Getting mileage for the rest of the weekend is the main thing.”

**Car #18. TAKAMOTO KATSUTA/AARON JOHNSTON**

“It’s completely different, you have more damp than dry. You have no grip so somehow it’s more difficult.”

**Car #33. ELFYN EVANS/SCOTT MARTIN**

Completes stage 3.8s faster than Lappi. “It was pretty difficult in there and the car was sliding a lot in a few corners. Overall the feeling is not so bad.”

**Car #2. OLIVER SOLBERG/ELLIOTT EDMONDSON**

Accident 3.9km into stage, crew reported to be OK. Stage stopped. No comment available.

**Car #11. THIERRY NEUVILLE/MARTIJN WYDAEGHE**

Overnight penalty of one minute added for speeding yesterday on road section back to service after SS4. The picks up another 10s penalty for leaving service late. “We had a problem and were late out of service, so another penalty. But somehow we are here and we are surviving.” Last runner to complete stage before it is cancelled.

**Car #42. CRAIG BREEN/PAUL NAGLE**

No comment available.

**Car #8. OTT TÄNAK/MARTIN JÄRVEOJA**

No comment available.

**Car #69. KALLE ROVANPERÄ/JONNE HALTTUNEN**

No comment available.

**Car #21. YOHAN ROSSEL/VALENTIN SARREAUD**

No comment available.

**Car #23. NIKOLAY GRYAZIN/KONSTANTIN ALEKSANDROV**

No comment available.

**Car #22. ERIC CAMILLI/THIBAUT DE LA HAYE**

No comment available.

**Car #24. KAJETAN KAJETANOWICZ/MACIEJ SZCZEPANIAK**

No comment available.

**Car #26. EMIL LINDHOLM/REETA HÄMÄLÄINEN**

No comment available.

**COMMENTS**

Stage cancelled following accident for Oliver Solberg/Elliott Edmondson 3.9km in. Crew reported to be OK by Hyundai. Elfyn Evans/Scott Martin fastest of six crews who complete stage. Thierry Neuville/Martijn Wydaeghe pick up a 10s penalty for leaving service late, added to minute penalty for speeding on road section after SS4 yesterday.

**ENDS**

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