



SERVICE FLASH

Datum: 21. August 2015
Day: 1 **Flash A**
Service: A (Messepark)

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	VOLKSWAGEN Polo R WRC
<p>"It is getting better and better. Initially, we were having slight problems. I am not fully happy with the set-up. During the morning, we kept making changes. On the final stage, I then had a really good feeling with the car. It is very close, but I just want to focus on myself and I don't care about the others."</p>			

2	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	VOLKSWAGEN Polo R WRC
<p>"All in all, it was quite good, but I am not totally happy. We can still improve under braking. The grip level was very low. Probably, the dirt on the road made it very slippery and it was difficult to find the right time for braking. We won't make too many big changes, just a few clicks here and there, I will concentrate on the driving."</p>			

4	ØSTBERG Mads/ANDERSSON Jonas	NOR/SWE	CITROËN DS 3 WRC
<p>"The morning was tricky. I didn't have a really good feeling with the car and we lost a lot of time as a result. We had planned to take it cautiously, but probably, we were a bit too cautious. It was pretty slippery and more difficult than I had expected."</p>			

7	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
<p>"Actually, the morning was quite okay. On SS 4, we lost some time because I had the wrong rhythm. On the first three stages, I couldn't have done more, all the times were quite closely together. My main rivals are within the team, the others are too far ahead. In any case, it is more slippery than last year."</p>			

3	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN DS 3 WRC
<p>"I am happy with the morning. I had a good rhythm and felt at ease in the car. I had expected us to be where we are now. For us, it will just be about scoring points. Too bad that I already have to say it like that on Friday."</p>			

5	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
<p>"The morning was a topsy-turvy affair. We had flashes of speed. For the afternoon, we have to make some changes on the set-up. Improving our feeling for the car is the main goal."</p>			

20	PADDON Haydon/KENNARD John	NZL/NZL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
<p>"It was quite okay. The speed wasn't too bad, but I wasn't fully confident. This afternoon, we want to improve our times."</p>			

8	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
<p>"It wasn't too bad, but we had to deal with some understeer. We have to solve that for the afternoon. We will try to do our utmost, but when the guys out in front don't make any mistakes,</p>			

we can't make any more progress."

6	TÄNAK Ott/MÖLDER Raigo	EST/EST	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
<p>"An interesting morning. On the first stage, we ran through a fence, got stuck and lost some time. After that, it was about getting self-confidence back. However, the roads got more and more slippery and therefore trickier. Hopefully, conditions will be more consistent in the afternoon."</p>			

14	KUBICA Robert/SZCZEPANIAK Maciej	POL/POL	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
<p>"There was a lot of dirt and dust on the road. Prior to the start, we had changed the engine and incurred a penalty as a result. Therefore, I didn't push too much and rather tried to learn. For us, this rally actually is merely a test. We will try some things on the next stages and hope for a positive outcome."</p>			

21	PROKOP Martin/TOMÁNEK Jan	CZE/CZE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
<p>"The first two stages were difficult, because the roads were very slippery. Through the vineyards, it was very nice. I am happy with the speed and we are better than last year. During the service, we want to make the set-up stiffer, so that we can hopefully be a little bit faster in the afternoon."</p>			

12	LEFEBVRE Stéphane/PRÉVOT Stéphane	FRA/BEL	CITROËN DS 3 WRC
<p>"This is my first time in a WRC. It is quite challenging. I try to learn as much as possible."</p>			

10	ABBRING Kevin/MARSHALL Sebastian	NDL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
<p>"SS 1 was stopped right in front of me because there were horses on the road. Now, I can laugh about it, but at the time, it was difficult, because tyres and brakes cooled out. On the first two stages, I lacked a bit of confidence. Later on, we had problems with the differential and keeping the car on the road was not so easy."</p>			

24	DELECOUR François/SAVIGNONI Dominique	FRA/FRA	PORSCHE 911 GT3
<p>"I had much too soft tyres, the mediums were actually way too soft. I was sliding all the time and on the final stage, they were gone."</p>			

38	AL-ATTIYAH Nasser/BAUMEL Matthieu	QAT/FRA	ŠKODA Fabia R5
<p>"Early on the first stage, we had a tree in front of us. We lost some time there, but given the fact that we didn't test before, it all feels well and now, we have to attack."</p>			

40	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5
<p>"I am surprised that we were able to keep up with the others so well. On the last two stages, we had problems with the front wheels that locked up all the time. Probably, that was caused by overheated tyres, so we backed off a bit. Nevertheless, we won't make any major changes."</p>			

25	DUMAS Romain/GIRAUDET Denis	FRA/FRA	PORSCHE 911 GT3
<p>"It was quite okay. The first two stages were nice, but not really suited for the Porsche. The last two stages were really difficult, the car is simply too big. This afternoon, we will be careful again and we are looking forward to tomorrow."</p>			

44	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta R5
<p>"This wasn't too bad. I was driving cautiously all the time. A podium finish is my goal, we are</p>			



currently fourth. I don't have to set the fastest times. For the afternoon, I want the set-up to be made stiffer to make the car more reactive."

42	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	PEUGEOT 208 T16
"The morning went quite well, I am happy with the performance."			

76	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	CITROËN DS 3 R3
"This morning was a huge challenge for me. 90 percent of the tarmac was dirty and we had brake problems on top of that."			

45	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA Fabia R5
"The morning went quite well for us. There was a lot of gravel on the road, which didn't make it easy. For this afternoon, I am expecting even more dirt on the road. We have to make a few minor set-up changes to increase grip on the front axle."			

48	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5
"The start was difficult for us. We made a lot of mistakes and lost time as a result. From the third stage, I found my rhythm and we were able to keep the pace. I have a good feeling with the car and the set-up is okay."			

47	HIRSCHI Jonathan/LANDAIS Vincent	CHE/FRA	PEUGEOT 208 T16
"We had a problem with the pop-off valve and therefore we didn't have the full engine power available. Hopefully, that can be changed during the service. In the shakedown, we already had some minor issues and we thought we had solved them, but apparently, we hadn't."			

35	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	CITROËN DS 3 R5
"I am very happy, we haven't made any mistakes. I am doing better than I had expected. We started cautiously and then got faster and faster. My goal is to make it into the top ten of WRC2, but competition is very close."			

75	CRUGNOLA Andrea/FERRARA Michele	ITA/ITA	RENAULT Clio R3T
"The time window is too tight. Otherwise, the stages are okay and there are no issues with the car."			

85	GRIEBEL Marijan/CLEMENS Stefan	DEU/DEU	OPEL Adam R2
"It started very well with top times on the first stages. Then, there was a wall in the way at the start of the third stage. We hit it with the right rear, lost one minute and found out that the rear axle was bent. During the service, that will be repaired."			

50	SOLANS Nil/IBÁÑEZ Miquel	ESP/ESP	PEUGEOT 208 T16
"The morning wasn't too bad. We tried to find the right set-up. We had problems with the pop-off valve. Our pace notes were not detailed enough either."			