

# STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Day:</b>	1	<b>Flash N°:</b> 2
<b>Special stage:</b>	Chui Lodge 1	<b>Distance:</b> 13.34 km
<b>Weather:</b>	Warm and sunny	
<b>Road conditions:</b>	Dry, slippery and very dusty	

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Four-minute intervals for the leading World Rally Cars and three-minutes thereafter.

## **Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA**

“Not so much speed actually. It was very slippery and sandy. Absolutely no grip. We had to make it through.”

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

“Very slippery and very narrow and difficult to see with dust on the screen.”

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

“This is something. The ruts were much deeper than on the recce. I struggled a bit with the understeer. The road is so narrow and it is so difficult to find the right line. I tried to optimise the traction but it was not an easy stage to start with.”

## **Car 8. TÄNAK/JÄRVEOJA**

“It’s tricky. The washer is on all the time with the dust.”

## **Car 69. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN**

“It’s really difficult. I have not driven in that type of stage before. I had no grip at all in these really narrow places. You just try and get through it.”

## **Car 18. KATSUTA/BARRITT**

Stalled in a corner. “I don’t know why. I used the clutch and immediately the engine did not have power and I had no power and the engine stopped. There’s a long way to go. It’s fine.”

## **Car 44. GREENSMITH/PATTERSON**

“For me, it felt so rough already. It’s better to be at the front, for sure. Need to do some work to get the car to turn a bit better.

## **Car 16. FOURMAUX/JAMOUL**

“It’s really slippery to be honest. Much more than we expected. To protect the car you also need a stiff set-up. But I think we are too stiff. No grip. We were short in service time, but the guys did a good job. All is okay...!”

## **Car 2. SOLBERG/JOHNSTON**

“It was a bank after a dip (impact registered on an FIA sensor). It was a very difficult stage. Much worse than I expected.” The car is reportedly crabbing quite badly away from the stop control.

## **Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN**

“I think it was an adventure, so slippery. The ruts were so deep, so we just went through.”

**Car 23. PROKOP/JURKA**

Left service late after suffering minor fuel feed and engine starting issues which the Czech put down to the altitude.