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1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

" A bit like I expected, we know you can't do much on fresh snow. I didn't do any mistakes, apart from a stall on the second stage, so that's an extra 4 sec, I don't know. On the last stage, there was like 10cm of snow on the road, far too much and I lost there. Not much I can do. I tried as hard as I could. On the second loop I expect no surprises. Following the national rally I expect to lose a lot. It will be hard to look at the classification tonight I think."

2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

" There was a lot more snow, and I guess they were playing to help the local drivers, wanted us to lose time - and we lost a lot. Not so nice, but that's life. A conspiracy? I don't know, but it was never clean for us. I'm sure R2 cars would be faster in that section. It wasn't handled in a good way but that's how it is. The afternoon loop will be very important for our road position on Saturday."

4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

" Lost the confidence a bit on the first stage today, I lost the rear a few times. It took me a while to bed myself in, the second and third stages were better and better."

5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

" A good morning. With our road position we knew we could be faster than the guys ahead, but we didn't expect to be faster than the guys behind. A good battle with Andreas. This afternoon a similar story I think. We're going to try to be consistent and fast."

7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM

" My position in the road order is good - a bonus of my mistake at the Monte Carlo Power Stage! For sure the guys ahead suffered on the last two stages. This afternoon they won't suffer so much."

8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG

" We could have pushed more but then the risk would be higher. We felt our way on the first stage, added more on the second, and then on the third we pushed and got the fastest time. I'm happy with the progression."

9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" It's been good, the conditions are beautiful. A lot of fun and when I'm having fun things seem to go well for us. A really nice feeling with the car, like driving through a big white tunnel at 200kph. There's not a lot to be complaining about. We made a few mistakes, so we could be nearer to the front, but all good so far."

12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN

" I'm quite comfortable where I am. The speed is nice, I just struggled a bit with the feeling of the car - like everyone I think. I'm quite pleased with our result so far. I tried to enjoy but it's hard, I'm nervous in every corner. This afternoon I need to keep the pressure on."