



## STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2018-02-16</b>	<b>Flash No:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Distance:</b>	<b>21,26 km</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>SS 2 Hof-Finnskog 2</b>		
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>Overcast. -2° C</b>		
<b>Road Conditions:</b>	<b>Ice/snow</b>		

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**1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA**

" Conditions were even worse. It's the same story every year. Following a national rally? Impossible."

**2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA**

" It's really bad, a lot worse than the morning. Quite a big struggle but that's what we have. We have to cope."

**3 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA**

" A lot better than before but still difficult. I didn't remember driving on the line being so difficult. The line is very narrow and there is lots of loose on the side."

**4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE**

" When I have a rut to follow I don't need the chassis working, so when it's like this I can attack a bit more. But when it's smooth I struggle. My only target now is to say ahead of Ogier."

**5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL**

" We had a good stage but I never know about the rhythm. The grip was good at the beginning but not at the end. We know we have quite a road position advantage."

**7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM**

" Sounds good. Quite surprised. I felt that I didn't have grip, there was a lot of gravel, it felt more slippery than this morning. In these conditions if you push hard, no chance. You have to be slow, slow."

**8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG**

" A good stage from Lappi. We had a good ride too. Now we must continue."

**9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN**

" Bloody tricky but good fun! I'll throw the kitchen sink at it, If I have fun the times always come!"

**10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA**

" I was struggling a lot with the rear - difficult to keep it in the ruts."

**11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL**

" The first half was really, really good and I could drive exactly how I wanted. The road is cleaning and we have to make the most of that. I struggled more in the last five kilometres."



**12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN**

" A lot of gravel appearing now, and maybe I was too hesitant in the new car. I also wanted to look after my tyres in the gravel."

**13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD**

" We had some problems in the service park but all is okay. I'm doing the best I can."

**COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)