



## STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2018-02-16</b>	<b>Flash No:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Distance:</b>	<b>9,56 km</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>SS 8 Torsby 1</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**

" Not much I could do today, for sure."

**2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA**

" A very difficult day, I'm not sure I've had anything like this for a long time. Looking at the times, I've had no ability to drive at all. It's not nice, but we need to accept it. There will be a next rally. The car is nice but the road position is not in our favour."

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

" I was hoping to be stronger but there is no chance. Even here I tried but it was very messy."

**4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE**

" These are not the conditions in which to build confidence. We're not too far behind the pace of Latvala, but I don't have the confidence to push hard."

**5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL**

" I try to give my best, the car is working well. It's not easy, I'm fighting with the guys behind. I try to get the speed without taking risks."

**6 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT**

" Glad to get it over with. A tough day for sure. We need to have a rethink tonight and come out fighting tomorrow."

**7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM**

" Quite messy. Very messy. A lot of loose snow and the guys ahead have gone everywhere. I'm impressed they have not got stuck in the ditches. This is going to be an interesting Power Stage."

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

" Okay, I'm pretty happy with the day. Clean driving and a good pace. Looks like we have a job on tomorrow, to fight for the win."

**9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN**

" I followed some lines near the start, went into a bank and nearly fell off the road. A very tricky stage. Not a bad day. I can't wait to get my teeth into it again tomorrow."

**10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA**

" Not really good. We lost our light pod in here. Today would have been okay, but I was hoping for more. I need



more kilometres to find a good rhythm.”

**12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN**

” Wow. Lines on the road off in every direction, I don't understand how anyone got to the end of this one. Considering I've had just over half a day of testing in this car I am very pleased to be here on this pace.”

**13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD**

” It's not been my best day but I'm happy. I am improving but I need to find out how much I can push this car.”

**14 - Yazeed AL RAJHI / Michael ORR**

” A good day. A small problem maybe, we go to the service to see.”

**15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON**

” It will be a good fight tomorrow. I was pushing in here. The fight is on. We continue like this.”

**16 - Ole Christian VEIBY / Stig Rune SKJÆRMOEN**

” Disappointing to lose time here, the stage was very messy, but overall pleased with the day.”

**19 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN**

” Today was quite a good one. A few mistakes but otherwise it went well. Tomorrow I need to calm down and stay on the road. I have more to learn but I want a good result too.”

**20 - Hiroki ARAI / Glenn MACNEAL**

” The surface was polished and we went off close to the start. Today the throttle on my car has not been so happy, we stopped in Rojden twice. Quite a tough day for us but getting better and better.”

**COMMENTS**

Night stage, run in darkness