

## PRESS INFO - DAKAR 2015

Leg 11 : Salta - Termas Rio Hondo (01/15/2015) Liaison: 184 km - SS: 194 km - Liaison: 142 km

## D-2 for Buenos Aires... Team DESSOUDE is not letting go!



Between Salta and Termas de Rio Hondo, the remaining Dakar competitors were able to enjoy themselves on the 194 km timed stage. A very technical special stage, designed for drivers, through magnificent scenery. Keeping up a high pace throughout the route, Thierry MAGNALDI, Guy LENEVEU and Juke Buggy finished the stage in 28th position.

After a few difficult moments over the past few days, the crew of the Juke Buggy were able to catch their breath today, while really enjoying the stage.

Crowned by a fine time, Thierry MAGNALDI shared his thoughts.

"Today's special stage was very fast, WRC-style. It was fun, there was a lot of real driving and we enjoyed this kind of route. After 60 kilometres we caught up with the car that started in front of us. I closed up to pass them, but with the dust, I didn't want to take any unnecessary risks. We lost two or three minutes, but overall it was a nice stage. There are still two days of driving before we get to Buenos Aires, so we are listening carefully to the buggy in case of any suspicious noises."



The second Team DESSOUDE vehicle remaining in the race also had a smooth stage today. No problems for LIU Kun and LIAO Min, only real pleasure. The DESSOUDE Proto reached the Termas de Rio Hondo

bivouuc in 57 th position.

"As the kilometres pass, we are getting closer to the finish line, and we really want to climb up on the podium in Buenos Aires... we are therefore keeping to a steady pace to take care of the car. The DESSOUDE Proto has run very well on this type of track, and we didn't have any problems at all. Each kilometre takes us close to our goal!"





This evening, the competitors are spending the night close to the Termas de Rio Hondo Circuit. This track normally hosts the Argentine rounds of the Moto GP Championship as well as the WTCC.

Tomorrow, the rally will head for Rosario. Buenos Aires will then be just a stone's throw away. With a 298 km special stage and 726 km of liaison, it will be a long day... A high-tension penultimate stage, where the slightest mistake will be very costly, especially due to the vegetation, dense in some sections.



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