

Press Release. 06th January 2014.

# 2014 Dakar Rally: Peterhansel claims day 2 victory in the MINI ALL4 Racing, takes the overall Dakar lead.

Munich (DE). On only the second day of the 2014 Dakar Rally, Stéphane Peterhansel (FR) behind the wheel of his #300 MINI ALL4 Racing entered by the Monster Energy X-raid Team enjoyed a compelling run through the 433 timed kilometres of the second Dakar leg. The eleven-time Dakar champion and winner of the 2012 and 2013 Dakar in the MINI ALL4 Racing sealed the day victory, 28 seconds ahead of Carlos Sainz (ES), which also propelled him into the overall lead of the 36th Dakar edition.

Apart from Peterhansel's strong performance the second leg which took the 145 competitors in the cars category from San Luis (AR) to San Rafael (AR) was also a good one for Petershansel's team mates. Heading into day 3, a total of six MINI ALL4 Racing rank in the top ten of the overall classifications with Nasser Al-Attiyah (QT) in third, Joan "Nani" Roma (ES) in fourth and Orlando Terranova (AR), who was Sunday's top driver in a MINI ALL4 Racing, in fifth. Krzystof Holowczyc (PL) is eighth and Federico Villagra (AR) tenth.

"All I can say is congratulations to Stéphane Peterhansel and the Monster Energy X-raid Team," say Jochen Goller, Senior Vice President MINI. "Today it became clear again how well-prepared the whole team is. The performance of the MINI ALL4 Racing was superb again. Now, I am keeping my fingers crossed for the challenges ahead, while I am confident that we will see more good results during the upcoming days."

A total of eleven MINI ALL4 Racing compete in the 2014 Dakar. All are based on the MINI John Cooper Works Countryman, modified by the factory-supported X-raid Team to meet the high demands of the Dakar Rally which is today's pinnacle of off-road motorsports. With a

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combination of power, reliability and efficiency the MINI ALL4 Racing proved its competiveness right from its first Dakar start in 2011 while also winning the hearts of the fans from the word go. On only its second Dakar appearance, the MINI ALL4 Racing made the big breakthrough by winning the 2012 Dakar Rally. In 2013 the MINI brand proved that its Dakar success was no flash in the pan by defending its title at the first attempt. This year, the X-raid Team and the MINI brand are aiming at clinching their third consecutive Dakar title when the 2014 Dakar ends in Valparaiso, Chile, on 18th January.

## **Dakar Rally Day 3 Quick Facts.**

Date: 07th January, 2014

Start/finish: San Rafael (AR)/San Juan (AR) – Leg 3

Official starting time (cars): 1.48 PM ART (UTC -3)

Total distance: 596 km, Special stage: 301 km, Liaison: 295 km

## 2014 Dakar MINI Driver Lineup.

#### #300 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team Stéphane Peterhansel/Jean-Paul Cottret (FR/FR)

#### #301 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team Nasser Al-Attiyah/Lucas Cruz (QT/ES)

#### #304 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team Joan "Nani" Roma/Michel Périn (ES/FR)

#### #307 MINI ALL4 Racing.

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Orlando Terranova/Paulo Fiúza (AR/PT).

## #309 MINI ALL4 Racing.

Monster Energy X-raid Team Krzysztof Holowczyc/Konstantin Zhiltsov (PL/RU)

### #314 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team Vladimir Vasilyev/Vitaliy Yevtyekhov (RU/RU)

#### #317 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team
Boris Garafulic/Gilles Picard (CL/FR)

# #319 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team Zhou Yong/Pan Hong Yu (CN/CN)

#### #330 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team
Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Companc (AR/AR)

## #332 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team.
Martin Kaczmarski/Filipe Palmeiro (PL/PT)

#### #337 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team Stephan Schott/Holm Schmidt (DE/DE)

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