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Good Evening and welcome to Yanbu,

We hope you had a great day today and are looking forward to your last day of the event tomorrow, and we hope you are enjoying the event as much as we are enjoying organizing it.

Tomorrow we will start at 08:00 am for the last section, Yanbu to King Abdullah Economic City,

Total distance for the day will be about 315 km, of which 126.40 km is a special stage. The first liaison to the start is about 125 km.

Again, just a reminder to collect all your belonging and deliver them either tonight or early morning to the person in charge at the reception as to arrange taking all your stuff to KAEC by truck instead of carry them with you in the stage.

We wish everyone a safe drive tomorrow and we look forward to welcoming you and celebrate all on the finish ramp.

Once again, before we go into the details of the stage, we would like to reiterate and repeat the tips/guidelines of the previous days.

### **Very Important:**

- Very Strict traffic Laws in KSA, So make sure you Abide with all traffic laws, Speed Signs, overtaking Signs, Seat Belt, and Mobile Phone. Cameras are spread all over the Rally route.
- There is no need at all for over speeding, the time given on the road sections is more than sufficient.
- Take Extra care when crossing any main road which is inside a selective section,
- Also take extra care when driving through towns/villages, abide with all traffic laws.
- **FALSE SOS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DO NOT PRESS THE SOS UNLESS THERE IS A REAL EMERGENCY. PRESSING THE SOS AUTOMATICALLY UNLEACHES A CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT GO ALL THE WAY UP TO THE AUTHORITIES AND THE STANDBY SKY SAFETY. ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THIS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE STEWARDS WHO WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.**
- **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE UNPLUG THE SAFETY TRACKING UNIT FROM THE LIGHTER OUTLET IN THE CAR (IF IT IS PLUGGED IN OVER THERE). IF THE UNIT RUNS OUT OF BATTERY, THE ORGANISERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY AND IT WILL BE SOLELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IF YOU ARE NOT NO LONGER ABLE TO NAVIGATE.**
- **DO NOT LOCK YOUR CAR IN THE SERVICE PARK. STELLA NEED TO BE ABLE TO CHECK THE UNITS.**
- **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR CAR KEY IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE MORNING.**
- Note that fuel stations, shops, etc.. Are closed during prayer times.
- It is worth mentioning that your car insurance does not cover any damage or accident that occurs in the desert, and any accident on the road should be covered by a report from the Police (Najem Report), otherwise the insurance company will never take any liability to fix the damaged car.
- Make Sure that you always have Extra Water with you in the desert, don't get dehydrated. Always Drink Water.
- Don't Get Under the Car in any Circumstance, if the car is lifted / Jacked, if you want to check the underneath

- of the car make sure it is on the parking Gear , breaks are engaged, and the four wheels are on ground.
- If you have a Flat tire make sure you stop in a safe place, and outside the Rally Track, Please Please Please don't block the Rally Route.
- Helmets are not required when on Road Sections. But it is a must in the Selective Sections, don't forget to put and strap very well your helmets on when starting a Selective Section, or you will not be allowed to Start.
- Always Wear the Seat belt while the Car is in Motion.
- Team Members, Friends, and Photographers (except for accredited Media), and Cheer leaders, are not allowed to Drive on any part of the Selective Section.
- When driving in the desert, in some cases, especially when there is soft sand, the bottom of your car may scrape the sand, in rare cases this could cause an oil leakage or overheating, therefore always keep an eye on the temperature and oil pressure gauges.

### Refueling:

Fuel tankers will be available as follows:

- Outside the hotel (about 50 meters), at the roundabout. (In order to avoid delays on the morning of the Rally, it is strongly recommended to refuel on the evening before). Kindly note that the hotel located in a residential area, and due to restrictions from the civil defense, a limited time of 3 hours allocated for us to provide you with fuel in this location on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of march 2024, **(from 14:00 till 17:00)** and **on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March, the tank will be available from 06:00 am**, please make sure to get use of the time slot available, otherwise you can go and fill up at any Gas station at your own cost.
- At the start of Stage 4
- After the finish of Stage 4
- There are also commercial fuel stations which are shown on the road book.

### Road Book & Notes

SECTION 4: Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 first car start from TC 3B Yanbu Service out at 8:00 am.

- The fourth day of the Rally (Yanbu - KAEC) has a total of about 314 KM. The first Road Section to reach the stage is 125 KM and the stage itself is about 126 KM.
- There will be 4 Speed Control Zones in SS4 with speeds of 30, 30, 30, 30 km/h.
- There will be 2 Average Speed Challenge (ASC) Zone in SS4, with speeds of 36 and 38 km/h.

### Reminders:

- If by any chance you want to stop in the selective section, try to stop on a defined tulip in the road book and mark it so as not to get lost, and always write the odometer from Stella when you stop.
- If you have a danger 1, 2 or 3 during the ASC or !!, you have to slow and forget the Average speed specially on Danger 3 its too risky to maintain the speed even if it is below 40kmh.
- Some places in the ASC a bit Sandy you might need to keep the speed or increase so as not to get stuck in the Sand. (don't forget you have a tolerance of 8 km only above the average speed mentioned in that ASC).
- Always keep in Mind that the Selective Section is not closed for the Rally cars, you are driving in an open Desert, and you might face some other people who are using the same route, reaching their destination, or camping in the desert, this is normal and you have to deal with such a situation. So expect other vehicles, people and animals. Our advice is to slow when approaching people or animals.

- All WPM way points will open at a radius of 800 meters and will be validated in a radius of 90 meters.
- All WPS way points will open at a radius of 1000 meters and will be validated in a radius of 30 meters (!!! WPS alarm will turn on in 300 meters radius).

#### Important Notes:

- If you are driving in an ASC, and a way point has been validated, and you get an open arrow straight, and you follow it, then it may negatively affect the average speed you were doing, so always follow the road book.
- When following a certain cap, keep an eye on the last box on the right, if it shows a distance and a different cap then you should follow it, do not stay on the same cap until the next tulip.

#### Notes on the Road Section:

- May be we will not be able to make the service out exit at the main road in front of the Hotel, so you will be asked to go around the hotel and make the Zero on Stella at the main gate of the hotel then you follow the road book.
- At about 12.20 km, watch for Camera (SAHER) don't Exceed the speed limit. (90 km/h)
- At About 16.00 km, watch for Camera (SAHER) don't Exceed the speed limit. (80 km/h)
- At 28.28 km, Gas station with supermarket that has lots of items..

#### Notes on the route Special Stage:

- Start of the stage in an open area, open desert no clear road follow cap.
- At 2.88 km, fork right into ditch ! **BAD**
- At 4.36 km, under wires.
- At 5.06 km between trees all around
- At 5.93 km open desert between bushes.
- At 12.39 km, fork right !! , sand, big telecommunication tower on the left.
- At 13.52 km,, !! ditches, cross road. After 450 meter tree on L
- At 15.88 km, fork right, dunes, road not clear.
- At 17.31 km, fork right, watch for rocks
- At 17.90 km, fork left, bumpy all the way.
- At 21.46 km, right into left, between mountains, rocky, careful of flat tires.
- At 22.36 km, watch for rocks. Careful of flat tires.
- At 23.05 km, stones, risk of flat tires.
- At 23.37 km, into 2 water wells on R.
- From 24.45 km – 27.78 km, fork left, rocky, careful of big rocks that may cause flat tires.
- At 25.24 km, road not clear while crossing the river bed. Watch for the stones.
- At 28.46 km, fork left !! ditch into less stones.
- At 33.49 km, fork left, not clear, follow the Arrow.
- At 33.87 km, fork left @ small Dunette , no track, follow the cap.
- From 35.83 km – 38.05 km, Rough, stones, drive with care to avoid flat tires. (Start of Black Surface)
- At 43.51 km, keep close to mountains on R too many roads ahead.
- At 44.36 km, long right into rocks, until 46.51 km. watch for flat tires.
- At 46.39 km, rocky, ditches, drive with care.

- At 52.48 km, into houses on R
- At 53.91 km, fork left, you will see big Telecommunications tower far in front of you on the mountain.
- At 54.36 km, !! L fork with ditches, into houses on R.
- At 56.32 km, left 90 degrees, follow the cap.
- At 59.17 km, after the wrecked house, keep right, WADI. (the wrecked house at around 59.00 km)
- At 61.37 km, Telecommunications Tower on far left
- At 64.09 km, tents, watch for animals, or vehicles.
- At 66.56 km, into twisty followed by fork left Ditch at 66.66 km.
- At 67.20 km, farm on L.
- At 70.46 km, houses on your left.
- At about 71.75 km, Under wires.
- At 74.15 km, !!! cross track keep right. Into under wires.
- At 74.66 km, Narrow track between farms.
- At 76.33 km, !! join Asphalt.
- At 76.75 km, !!! Cross main road, watch for cars. (Better to Stop)
- At 77.65 km Stones.
- At 86.98 km, follow cap and next tulip within 180 meter only.
- At 90.76 km, uphill rocks and stones.
- At 91.91 km, L fork leave GV track.
- At 92.41 km, Under wires into Poles on R. till 96.14km
- At 96.14 km, fork Right, no clear road, follow the cap.
- At 96.60 km, easy right, no road, follows the caps. (NO ROAD) till 98.14 km
- At 97.22 km, keep straight, no track, follow cap.
- At 98.14 km, follow track.
- At 101.74 clear track.
- At 105.10 km, fork left, towards high pressure lines / towers.
- At 106.51 km, under wires, no clear road, follow cap till 112.91 km.
- At 107.5 km, keep straight, follow cap, road not clear.
- At 110.06 km, keep straight, road not clear.
- At 113.92 km, 90 L after tree on L not clear (old fence on L)
- At 115.24 km, ! 90 degree left turn, rocks add !
- At 117.06 km, right 90 degrees, rocky.
- At 119.48 km, water cross.
- At 119.93 km, cross wadi, running water !!!
- At 120.22 km, !!! cross wadi, DEEP RUNNING WATER X 2 take Extra care and best route.
- At 121.49 km, Asphalt Crossing (BETTER TO STOP) into Poles on Left.
- At 121.67 km, right 90 degrees, into ! ditch, between towers.
- At 121.98 km, ! ditch and bumpy, Towers on R
- At 124.82 km, cross asphalt, watch for cars !!

#### Notes on the Road Section:

- Page 52 tulip # 1 should be 65 not 45.
- Inside KAEC at 51.25 km Watch for Camera ( SAHER)

### In Case of Accident:

In case of an accident where urgent medical assistance is required, where possible the red “SOS” sign should be immediately displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist.

Any crew which has the red “SOS” sign displayed to them or sees a car which has sustained a major accident where both crew members are seen inside the car but is not displaying the red “SOS” sign shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance. All following cars shall also stop. The second car at the scene shall proceed to inform the next radio point of the incident details. Subsequent cars shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles.

Any crew which is able to but fails to comply with this rule will be reported to the stewards who may impose penalties in accordance with the International Sporting Code.

In case the accident does not require immediate medical assistance, the “OK” sign must be clearly shown by a crew member to the following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist.

If the crew leaves the vehicle, the “OK” sign must be displayed so that it is clearly visible to other competitors.

Each competing car must carry a red reflective triangle which, in the event of the car stopping in a special stage, must be placed in a conspicuous position by a member of the crew at least 50 meters before the car's position, to warn following drivers. Any crews failing to comply may be subject to a penalty at the discretion of the stewards.

This triangle must be placed even if the stopped car is off the road.

The road books contain a page stating the accident procedure.

Any crews retiring from a rally must report such retirement to the organizers as soon as possible, save in a case force majeure. Any crew failing to comply will be subject to a penalty at the stewards' discretion.

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