

*Team DESSOUDÉ*



## PRESS INFO - DAKAR 2015

Leg 10 : Calama (Chile) - Salta (Argentina) 01/14/2015

Liaison: 385 km - SS: 358 km - Liaison: 116 km

### Back in Argentina and heading south!



Today, the caravan of the 38th Dakar crossed the Cordillera of the Andes once again, although in the opposite direction, heading to Argentina. Another tough day for the competitors, in particular on the physical side, due to the great differences in altitude.

For Team DESSOUDÉ, this 10th stage presented no particular problems, either for Thierry MAGNALDI or for LIU Kun, who both put in faultless performances. But the bad weather in recent days did not make things easy, having worn the track away and created some real

holes. Plenty of potential traps that had to be avoided on the 358 km timed stage.



After the problems encountered yesterday at the end of the route, the crew of the Juke Buggy was keen to attack this last straight line towards the finish on a good note. This was accomplished. The navigator made no mistakes, and the driver enjoyed himself at the end of the special stage, on a rather technical

section which is driving the most of the time. Setting the 28th fastest time, Thierry MAGNALDI and Guy LENEVEU finished just over 27 minutes behind today's winners.

For LIU Kun, LIAO Min and their DESSOUDE Proto N05, the problems encountered with the brakes during yesterday's stage are a thing of the past. The Chinese duo perfectly mastered the exercise and finished the stage in 38th position. The Proto is running like clockwork, and the crew is building up some excellent experience kilometre after kilometre.



Tomorrow, the 11th stage will take the remaining competitors to Termas de Rio Hondo. The special stage will be relatively short, just 194 km for the cars, with different routes for the two-wheeled and four-wheeled vehicles. But the scenery on both routes will be quite simply magnificent. Vigilance will be the watchword, partly due to some rather tricky navigation, but also due to the many trees lining the tracks...



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