

**DAKAR 2014 / STAGE 13. FINISH / 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2014****LA SERENA > VALPARAISO** 📍 **Total: 535 km** 🕒 **SS: 157 km**

### **Dakar 2014: Vasilyev/Evtekhov in top-10!**

The final special stage of rally marathon "Dakar-2014" from La Serena in Valparaiso summed up the results of two-week fight of a huge caravan of participants on difficult and artful routes of Argentina and Chile! This year less than a half of participants entered in rally passed "Dakar" up to the end, and it is remarkable that the Russian crews acted again very successfully.

Vladimir Vasilyev with Vitaly Yevtekhov showed high performance and pushed hard for winning the position until the last kilometer. For 157 kilometers of a final special stage VRT crew took a high speed on the twisting mountain tracks and showed the best 3<sup>rd</sup> personal result at a stage during this "Dakar" after Geniel De Villiers and Krzysztof Holowczyc. Besides, it was succeeded to win back 4 more minutes from 5,5 minutes at Martin Kaczmarski.

Having taken an honourable 10th place following the results of a marathon, the crew Vasilyev/Yevtekhov improved the last year's 16th result.

**Vladimir Vasilyev:** "We are on the finish, I am happy with race. We tried to go fast today, won back at Kaczmariski 4 minutes, but still missed a minute to bypass him by results. The route of a special stage passed through mountains – sinuous tracks, very narrow and twisting, also we passed a small site about 7 kms through the river. On the finish there were a lot of fans, of course, not same as in Argentina, but they gave us very warm greetings. Race turned out difficult this year, much more harder if to compare with last year. We weren't lucky at the beginning of race because of technical problems, but we reach our goal to be in top-10".

For the third consecutive time, X-raid Team won all-MINI-ALL4-Racing podium with Catalan Nani Roma and his French co-driver Michel Périn, silver prize-winners Stephane Peterhansel/Jean-Paul Cottret and owners of "bronze" Nasser Al-Attiyah/Lukas Cruz. Besides at once 7 cars of team, including black Mini#314 Vasilyev/Yevtekhov, took places in top-10.

In motorcycle category fourth "Dakar" is won by Mark Coma (KTM), in quads Chilean Ignacio Casale (Yamaha) becomes the best, and in trucks the Russian KAMAZ takes "gold" with Andrey Karginov / Andrey Makeev / Igor Devyatkin's crew and "bronze" with Eduard Nikolaev/Evgeny Yakovlev / Vladimir Rybakov.

### **Results Stage 13:**

1. G. de Villiers (ZAF) / D. von Zitzewitz (GER) Toyota – 1h 57m 07s
2. K. Holowczyc (POL) / K. Zhiltsov (RUS) MINI ALL4 Racing – 1h 57m 30s
3. **V. Vasilyev (RUS) / V. Yevtyekhov (UKR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 1h 57m 48s**
4. N. Roma (ESP) / M. Périn (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 1h 58m 47s
5. O. Terranova (ARG) / P. Fiúza (POR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 1h 59m 00s

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### **OVERALL RANKING:**

1. ROMA/ PÉRIN - MINI ALL4 Racing – 50h 44m 58s
2. PETERHANSEL/ COTTRET - MINI ALL4 Racing – 50h 50m 36s
3. AL-ATTIYAH/ CRUZ - MINI ALL4 Racing – 51h 41m 50s
4. DE VILLIERS/ VON ZITZEWITZ - Toyota – 52h 04m 05s
5. TERRANOVA/ FIÚZA - MINI ALL4 Racing – 52h 12m 42s
6. HOLOWCZYC/ ZHILTSOV - MINI ALL4 Racing - 54h 40m 40s
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9. KACZMARSKI/ PALMEIRO - MINI ALL4 Racing – 57h 43m 10s
10. **VASILYEV/YEVTYEKHOV - MINI ALL4 Racing – 57h 44m 32s**
11. GARAFULIC/ PICARD - MINI ALL4 Racing – 58h 20m 13s

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