



## PRESS RELEASE no. 39

### The biggest favorite Kopecký picked a starting position no. 1

The Czech driver Jan Kopecký after winning the Qualifying stage picked a starting position no. 1 for Saturday's Leg 1. He beaten Russian Alexey Lukyanuk, driving with Belarusian license, by 0.111 seconds therefore he had the right to choose first in front of the City Hall Zlín. The defending Czech champion Václav Pech starts fourth and the current leader of European Championship Polish Kajetan Kajetanowicz starts his engine as the fifth one.

Kopecký with his car Škoda Fabia R5 won the 4.71 km long section from Komárov to Pohořelice and confirmed his strong position in the starting field before the night's stage. On the weekend he is going to try his luck to win the fourth title at Barum Czech Rally Zlín and a fifth consecutive victory in domestic championship which he leads. **"Czech championship is our priority but we would like to be at the top of the overall standings,"** said Jan Kopecký.

His biggest rival in his way to the victory will be the defending Czech champion Václav Pech. At the Qualifying stage he finished third with his car Mini John Cooper Works S2000, but for Leg 1 he picked position no. 4. **"There were many people around the roads even in the morning. Our car is working well and we are looking forward to the rally,"** said the defending winner of Barum Rally.

Based on the results of the Qualifying stage the fastest fifteen drivers pick their starting position for Saturday's Leg 1. Other crews will start off according to their time at the Qualifying stage and their categories ERC1, ERC2 and ERC3.

### Starting position for Leg 1 on Saturday:

1. Kopecký – Dresler (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
2. Lukyanuk – Arnautov (BLR, Ford Fiesta R5)
3. Consani - Manzo (FRA, Citroën DS3 R5)
4. Pech – Uhel (CZE, Mini John Cooper Works S2000)
5. Kajetanowicz – Baran (POL, Ford Fiesta R5)
6. Breen – Martin (IRL, Peugeot 208 T16)
7. Kostka T. – Kostka L. (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
8. Tarabus – Trunkát (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
9. Valoušek – Havelková (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000)
10. Kobus – De Wild (NLD, Škoda Fabia R5)
11. Odložilík – Tureček (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)
12. Neubauer – Ettl (AUT, Ford Fiesta S2000)
13. Tlustý – Kučera (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000)
14. Martin – Salva (FRA, Peugeot 208 T16)
15. Jakeš – Novák (CZE, Citroën DS3 R5)

Zlín, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Petr ŘÍHA  
Press Relations Office  
Barum Czech Rally Zlín



INFORMATION