

# Press Release

## **PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO closes the Dakar Rally 2022 with the Team's three trucks placed in the Top 10**

*The 2022 edition of the Dakar Rally came to an end after more than 8,000 km in extreme conditions, crossing vast expanses of sand, dunes and canyons. PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO maintained its consistent performance throughout the second week of the competition, placing all its trucks in the Top 10 in the overall standings, with Janus van Kasteren achieving an excellent fifth place against very tough competition.*

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**PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO** has once again closed the Dakar Rally with a good performance, succeeding in taking all **three IVECO trucks to the finish line in the Top 10**. **Janus van Kasteren** achieved an excellent fifth place. **Vick Versteijnen**, who stepped in at the last minute, took the challenge in his stride, finishing eighth. **Mitchel van den Brink** also distinguished himself by placing the fast assistance truck in tenth place, exceeding all expectations.

**The two IVECO Powerstar and the IVECO Trakker demonstrated the exceptional performance and reliability of IVECO trucks in the extreme conditions and tough tracks of the Dakar 2022 rally.**

The twelfth and final stage took the competitors on a 680 km drive from Bisha to Jeddah which included a 164 km Special. Vick Versteijnen was the fastest driver of the team on this stage, driving his IVECO Powerstar hard throughout the stage, even in the narrow tracks with trees, to arrive in sixth position.

Janus van Kasteren played a tactical role for the team, clearing the way at the beginning to give Vick Versteijnen space so he would be less affected by the dust, then focused on getting to the finish line ensuring his fifth place in the overall standings.

Mitchel van den Brink delivered an excellent performance as the Team's fast assistance, exceeding all expectations with a tenth in the overall standings. In the last stage, the young pilot pushed his IVECO Trakker to the very limit, arriving tenth.

The team left Saudi Arabia to return to the Netherlands in high spirits, happy with the results achieved in the Dakar 2022 and are ready for the next challenge.

### **OVERALL STANDINGS**

1. Dmitry Sotnikov (Kamaz)
2. Eduard Nikolaev (Kamaz)
3. Anton Shibalov (Kamaz)
- 5. JANUS VAN KASTEREN (Petronas Team De Rooy IVECO)**
- 8. VICK VERSTEIJNEN (Petronas Team De Rooy IVECO)**
- 10. MITCHEL VAN DEN BRINK (Petronas Team De Rooy IVECO)**

### ***IVECO CREWS***

#### **#504 PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO:**

Janus van Kasteren (NLD)), Marcel Snijders (NLD), Darek Rodewald (POL)

#### **#515 PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO:**

Vick Versteijnen (NLD), Teun van Dal (NLD), Randy Smits (NLD)

#### **#524 PETRONAS Team De Rooy IVECO:**

Mitchel van den Brink (NLD), Rijk Mouw (NLD), Bert Donkelaar (NLD)

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