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# Press Release

Duncan BC (Sunday January 6, 2013)

Canadian Don Hatton has successfully completed the second day of the 15 day long Dakar Rally. He has moved up to 163rd overall in the motorcycle class.

Today's stage was from Pisco to Lima and back again. It was comprised of a short liaison section of only 85 km but a fairly long 242 km special. The Dakar organizers labeled the day "*nothing but sand*" and they were not wrong. The special stage was comprised of some spectacular scenery of huge sand dunes made up of very soft, fine granulated, wind blown sand. Beautiful to view but very hard in which to ride a motorcycle.

"The bike and the support team are great. The best I have worked with since I started in Dakar racing in 2008," said Don. "The sand is a challenge. It is just never ending. And starting late today at the back of the motorcycles makes it even worse. Not because of the terrain but because the faster cars which left behind us are catching and passing what seems 100 mph while I am trying not to get stuck in the sand. It's just crazy!"

Days Completed: 2

Days to go: 13

***Dakar Racing Factoid – things you might not know or thought of :***

When we all travel overseas we tend to get upset stomachs. It is due to a variety of things such as the stress of traveling, different foods and water supplies and heat etc. It is known by various names: Montezuma's Revenge or Delhi Belly, it is not fun for a traveler to have to miss part of a vacation due to this ailment. But if you are a competitor in the Dakar race that is even more challenging. There are no restroom accommodations in rural Peru and if nature calls you have to answer it. Immediately. So off you go to try and find a private place, stop, remove all your safety gear and go about your business. Oh, did we mention that you are surrounded by crowds of spectators? Challenging to say the least, but then this is Dakar.

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