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Second 2014 FIA World Cup in Italy

- X-raid Team to contest the Baja Italy with two MINI ALL4 Racing vehicles
- Vladimir Vasilyev travels to Italy as second in the World Cup standings

Following the season kick-off in Russia's 'Northern Forest', Team X-raid now is going to compete in a warmer environment, this weekend: in the Baja Italy, (14th to 16th March), the second round of the 2014 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup. Once again, the Trebur based squad is going to contest the event with two MINI ALL4 Racing vehicles and two BMW X3 CC racers. One of the two MINI vehicles entered by Team X-raid will be raced by the Russian pairing Vladimir Vasilyev / Konstantin Zhiltsov. Following the season kick-off, they currently hold second position in the FIA World Cup standings. The second MINI ALL4 Racing will be driven by Poland's Martin Kaczmarek (POL) and his Portuguese co-driver Filipe Palmeiro (POR) – who finished fourth, in Russia – for the LOTTO X-raid Team.

“After the extraordinary conditions we had to cope with in Russia we will have to meet the more familiar off-road challenges in Italy,” said X-raid Team Manager Sven Quandt. “With Vladimir and Martin, the X-raid colours will be represented by two drivers who definitely have got what it takes to battle it out for the positions at the very front of the field.”

The Baja Italy will be started on Friday, 14th March, with a 7.75-kilometers 'Superspeziale'. Both on Saturday and Sunday, the competitors will cover a total special-stage mileage of about 165 kilometres. All the special stages will be contested Pordenone in Northern Italy.

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