**RED-LINED PRIVATEERS STAR ON DAKAR 2024**

*Teenage lass Koloc a brilliant 25th, gentleman rookie Carmans 34th*

South Africa’s Red-Lined Motorsport enjoyed another brilliant Dakar in the gruelling 2024 race that ended in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia on Friday. Billed as the toughest Dakar in years, that did not deter teen sensation Aliyyah from racing home 25th among the Ultimate cars in her Red-Lined REVO+, while gentleman Dakar racer Stefan Carmans took it steady all the way to finish a brilliant 35th overall and third among a rookie field that included many professional crews.

“2024 was the most severe Dakar for years and Red-Lined Motorsport is over the moon that two of our REVO+ crews made it to the finish in spectacular style,” team principal Terence Marsh explained. “Our star of the future, Aliyyah Koloc delivered sensational performance throughout this treacherous two weeks and our gentleman racer Stefan Carmans put it on the rookie podium too. What a performance! Sadly our third crew, Wei Han and Li Ma were obliged to withdraw our third HanWei Racing Red-Lined REVO+ after Ma suffered back pain from a hard landing while looking set for a top 20 finish.”

19-year old lady racer Aliyyah Koloc was among the sensations of Dakar 2024. Driving alongside seasoned navigator Sebastien Delaunay, Aliyyah delivered a performance way beyond her years in her Buggyra Racing Red-Lined REVO T1+. Despite a scare on Stage 2 where she finished well back to drop out of the top 50, Aliyyah delivered a consistent performance to fight back onto the top 40 with a stellar performance on Thursday and Friday’s Chrono stage. Aliyyah and Sebastien then continued their climb to finish 25th.

Rookie gentlemen crew, Belgian Stefan Carmans and Dutch notes man Arjan van Tiel were a study of consistency en route to realising their dream of finishing on their Dakar debut far better than they had ever imagined aboard the Blueblocks Red-Lined REVO T1+. Aiming to simply finish each racing stage before dark, they reached the rest day in a surprising top 40 position. Their steady performance continued through Week 2 to see Stefan and Arjan home 35th overall and a stunning third among the Dakar 2024 rookies.

“First of all, congratulations to Aliyyah and Sebastien, and Stefan and Arjan, and to every member of our extended Red-Lined effort across three teams over a brutal two weeks of desert racing. Dakar is a superhuman effort for all concerned and 2024 was one of the most demanding ever,” Terence Marsh concluded. “That said, we’re delighted to continue the Red-Lined legend of Dakar performances over the past xxx years with now xxx finishes from xxx starts and another perfect mechanical record for 2024. Our team has once again done us super proud. Well done all!”