**Eryk Goczał and Szymon Gospodarczyk – 2026 Dakar Rally Stage 9 Winners**

**Eryk Goczał and Szymon Gospodarczyk made Polish motorsport history today. The Energylandia Rally Team crew won the 2026 Dakar Rally Stage 9, defeating the top crews from the world’s biggest factory teams. In addition to the earlier press information, we share what the drivers had to say at the finish of the stage.**

**Eryk Goczał:** *- Today I fulfilled one of my biggest dreams. We crossed the finish line and the board showed the fastest time. It’s hard to put into words what I felt at that moment. I attacked today as hard as I possibly could. Szymon did an incredible job. The navigation was very difficult, and we drove exactly the way we should have, overtaking some of the crews along the way. We took a risk with tire pressure today, but it paid off. Thanks to that, we had a big advantage in the dunes. Our beast deserves some rest, and as for me… I don’t know if I’ll be able to fall asleep tonight.*

**Szymon Gospodarczyk:** *- We won the ninth stage of the Dakar Rally – I can’t describe how I feel right now. Eryk drove amazingly today, and we managed to hold on. I saw that in one section many crews were having huge problems with navigation. I knew that this was the moment when I had to be extremely focused. We quickly found the right way and were able to keep going. This kind of driving can be tough on the body, but right now it doesn’t matter. We drove through amazing canyons and high dunes – it was a beautiful stage, and we gave it everything we had. After yesterday’s problems, we win today – it’s an incredible feeling.*