



The Race Against Extinction

And so it begins...

With an entire years worth of preparation since the last Dakar the Rhide SA boys are off once again.

For 2016 one team member steps out and the new face of George Twigge steps in to replace Hannes Saaijman and join Brian Baragwanath and Ted Barbier to make up the riding side of the Rhide SA squad.

The last month and a half has been hectic for the team with last minute deals and arrangements to handle before the big off. BB and George went along with their equipment to France to see it was all running smoothly on the logistics side in late November along with attending the media briefing in Paris along the way.

Since then there was a very successful fund raider event held at the Ridgeway RaceBar in Edenvale where over R40 000 was raised with donations from sponsors and supporters to aid the ever increasing expense of the Dakar assault. The team would like to thank all who attending and helped out along with a big thank you to Grant Bloemfield and his team at Ridgeway for hosting the event.

The returning heroes will once again use the Ridgeway Venue to conduct a 'Welcome Home' ceremony and talk upon their return so watch out for dates and announcements concerning this.

It's all now down to the riders as they begin a struggle against time, the elements and the ever changing challenges that Dakar produces.

God Speed to the riders and their team and all who take on the Dakar once more.

Keep an eye on the press and the Web as the build up to Dakar 2016 continues and watch out for our boys as they go out to achieve their own personal goals as well as continue to 'Race against Extinction' in the fight to save the Rhino's.

-: Rhino's are predicted to go extinct by 2022 at the current poaching rate stats.- Nikela.org

For more information and the follow the team log onto www.teamrhidesa.com and remember to watch highlights from this years Dakar event through January 2016 on Mnet SuperSport

You can also follow Team Rhide SA'S progress on Facebook ([Team Rhide SA](#)) and Twitter ([@TeamrhideSA](#)) / teamrhidesa.com

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First 3 pics :

Always fun with check-ins. The standard option bag re-pack and shuffle game. Here the team do some strategic wheel spinning to level out all the baggage





Most of the Team ready to go through the check-in gates. BB (Brian Baragwananth) now known as 'last-minute.com') was off somewhere still getting his for-ex sorted.



Diamond Trailers 'Russ-Man' Russell Ferreira pops in for a Photo bomb and was a big part of the send off gathering along with his wife Kim-Leigh



With Christmas 2015 all taken care of Supporters, Friends and Family were all there at OR Tambo Airport as part of the send-off for Team Rhide SA as they venture forth to take on the Dakar 2016.



Our Hopes and Prayers for a safe and success Dakar go with the entire team.

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2013 Total loss of rhino = 668
2013 Total loss of rhino = 1004
2014 Total loss of rhino = 1235
2015 Total loss of rhino = 1491
16,000 Rhinos Left
Predicted Extinction: 2021

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