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END OF DAY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE

16 May 2007

Present:

Sebastien Loeb, Citroen Total World Rally Team
Dani Sordo, Citroen Total World Rally Team
Petter Solberg, Subaru World Rally Team

Welcome to the End of Day 1 Press Conference.

QUESTION: Sebastien, it seems to be a near perfect day for you, how was it?

SL: Yes, it was a really good day. We made no mistakes, we had no problems. Yes, a perfect day. I tried hard since this morning to take the lead and tried to increase it all day.

QUESTION: Some stages were incredibly difficult because of the rain, how did you find them?

SL: The stages were ok. At recce there was a lot of mud and we didn't know how we would find the race. But, for me it was a bit more rough in some places but not so much.

QUESTION: Daniel, you had a strong drive today on day one, but had a few intercom problems early on, tell us what happened?

DS: Not so strong for me, and the problems did not take much time, there was some problem with the microphone. I pushed very hard.

QUESTION: With Petter in third place and other drivers charging up the leader board-how confident are you to keep hold of second position?

DS: Tomorrow we see the condition of the road. We are confident, but we see tomorrow. We could have been faster and we will push very hard.

QUESTION: Petter, you are in third position, but had a few problems this morning but now everything seems to be going ok?

[DS turned microphone off - crowd and drivers laugh, applause]

PS: How far am I behind?

18.1 seconds

PS: Now we will have a good day tomorrow. The mechanics are working very hard. I think we can attack it.



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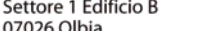
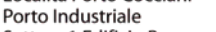
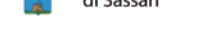
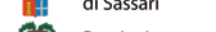
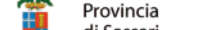
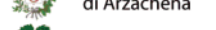
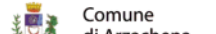
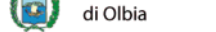
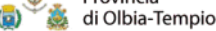
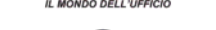
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QUESTION: You're obviously feeling confident and you seem to be enjoying Sardinia. What about guys behind you? They will be pushing just as hard.

PS: We struggled a little bit this morning. We had a few problems and we could have been much faster. But I have faith in our engineers, they are working very hard. We will continue pushing hard, trying hard to keep speed. I can look forward now, I don't have to look back.

QUESTION: Sebastien, the clouds are gathering, looks like rain tomorrow. How difficult will that make it if we get rain on the stages tomorrow?

SL: It will be difficult condition if we get rain. Like recce, it was tricky and very muddy. But I don't know what the condition will be tomorrow, we have to wait and see. There is less advantage when it's raining. We will see.

Gentlemen, good luck for tomorrow

Ladies and gentlemen, our top three drivers!



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