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THE SARDINIA AND ITS RALLY

In the Olbia-Tempio, Sassari and Nuoro areas all is ready to house the 2009 Rally d'Italia Sardegna edition, the Italian round of the World Rally Championship.

The race organized by the Automobile Club d'Italia has a total track of 1263,20km, including 17 special stages on rough roads of 347,12 km

There are only two months to the start of the Rally d'Italia Sardegna, the Italian round of the FIA World Rally Championship, scheduled from 21st to 24th of May, which is also valid for the FIA Production Car World Rally Championship and for the FIA Junior World Rally Championship.

The organization staff, which has been working immediately the day after the end of the 2008 edition, has set up a race more interesting and difficult and with more technical screenings in comparison with the last editions ones. There are a lot of news concerning the 2009 edition of Rally d'Italia, the sixth one in Sardinian country, especially for the track and the logistics

Olbia will be even more the beating heart of the race. This year the Sardinian town will also house the Ceremonial Start, which will take place along the seafront promenade, in Viale Principe Umberto, on Thursday 21st of May at 8.00 p.m. The Head Quarter is confirmed in the Hotel Melià in Olbia and the Service Park is again in Cala Saccaia. As usually the Cerimonial Finish and the Prize giving Ceremony will take place in Porto Cervo, the well-known seaside resort in the Arzachena area.

The first day, Friday 22nd May, the track will take place in the Olbia-Tempio and Nuoro areas with two runs for each special stages of Sa Conchedda (14,99 km), Loelle (22,30 km) and Castrazza (27,81 km). The race will start at 8.00 a.m. from Olbia and will end at about 6.00 p.m. at the service park in Cala Saccaia. The total track will be 428,04 km long, including 130,20 km of special stages.

On Saturday 23rd of May, the second day, there will be two new special stages in the Goceano area and the famous one passing through Monte Lerno area. All the stages will be repeated twice. The start will be at 6.30 a.m. again from Cala Saccaia. Sa Linea (14.20 km) will be the first stage of the day, which follows the track of an old left railway. Fiorentini (22,02 km) will be the second special stage. The third timed part of the second day will be the special stage of Monte Lerno (29.15 km), famous for the all over the world well-known jump. The end of day 2 will be at about 6.30 p.m. In this second day the crews will have to drive along 511,76 km, including 6 SS (130.74 km).

The third and last day, Sunday 24th of May, decisive moments will be lived during the twice repeated stages of Monte Olia (19.31 km) and Sorilis (18,66 km) and in the stages of Arzachena (10,24 km) which it will only run once. The start of the last day will be at 6.00 am from Cala Saccaia and the Cerimonial Finish

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will be at 2.15 p.m. in Porto Cervo. In this last part the crews will have to run along 323,40 km, including 5 special stages (86,18 km).

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