



END OF LEG 2 PRESS CONFERENCE

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Present:

Sebastien Loeb, Citroen Total WRT
Marcus Gronholm, BP Ford World Rally Team
Mikko Hirvonen, BP Ford World Rally Team

Welcome to the FIA End of Leg 2 Press Conference

Question:

Sebastien, if you could take me thru ss8 – there was something in middle of road?

SL:

Yes i saw something in the entry of the stage – a piece of car or something. A wheel, of a car. It was ok, no prob. I think it was Marcus's wheel it's ok

Question:

MG how did you come to lose your spare wheel?

MG:

I don't. I lost it it but i don't know how.

Question:

So what did that mean for you rest of morning and afternoon?

MG:

Not so good. The following stage I had to slow down and come to service finally. The fight was over.

Question:

Mikko did you have any tyre issues today?

MH:

Well, I didn't lose my spare tyre – so it was ok. We did some testing today which wasn't so good.

Question:

How hard was it to maintain the momentum of the day?

MH:

The morning was ok, I was having a bit of fun and we were pushing hard and it was ok. The afternoon I had to slow down.

Question:

Sebastien, there are six more stages tomorrow, talk us through what you expect?

SL:

Well, I expect to keep my position. We are doing well and there's nothing to prove. There is 50km to go and some of the stages are a little tricky tomorrow. I have to keep a good rhythm, find a good one and we'll see.

Question:

Do you enjoy having such a large lead?

SL:

I prefer to have a large lead. I prefer not to be second. Yes – it was a good a fight with Marcus. This is more important to start the day tomorrow and make good times in the rally.