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LATVALA – (Long hug with Malcolm Wilson at the finish). I am happy, very happy, I had not won an event for nearly one and a half years, and after many retirements, accidents, mechanical problems and things which went wrong, this time everything went well. Last year at the finish I promised that this year I would have won, and I kept my word. I was lucky to be first on the stages this morning, there was a lot of moist and dust remained in the air. I really wanted to win in Sardinia, this is always a difficult rally, one of my favourites.

MALCOLM WILSON – My heart decided, I did not want to give team orders because psychologically this victory was too important for a young driver like Latvala.

CHRISTIAN LORIAUX (Ford Chief Engineer) – The pre-event testing was essential for us, that is where we fine-tuned the car. Markko Martin's indications were very important, they confirmed that we were going in the right direction.

HIRVONEN – (Smiles at last). Everything Ok, after the first loop I understood immediately that I would not have won, and so I thought about the championship. Maybe Friday's mistake cost me a lot, starting behind Loeb yesterday would have been an advantage.

PETTER SOLBERG – I'm third, incredible, I honestly didn't expect it. The car went very well and I had lots of fun.

LOEB – This result is not dramatic, I cannot always win. In fact we finished third, this was the best possible result for us today.

NOVIKOV – I am satisfied, it's my best result in the World Championship. Mine was a great race, a wonderful rally with beautiful stages.

PROKOP – I am happy, an important victory for the championship.

AL-ATTIYAH – An incredible victory, at the very end. A great satisfaction for me and my codriver Giovanni Bernacchini, who won in his home event.

BERNACCHINI – Incredible, we did it on the last stage by one and a half second.

SANDELL – That's life, we tried until the end but this time Al-Attiyah was better than us.