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MALCOLM WILSON (Team Manager Ford) – What a pity! Marcus Gronholm was doing a great race, but unfortunately he hit a stone crashing the sump. A real bad luck for our team, we were first and third. Now Hirvonen is second, but he's too far from Loeb to fight for a win.

LOEB – I've hit the same stone of Marcus, but fortunately I didn't close my line in that curve. Today I have putted pressure on him and it was the only way to push him making mistakes. Now I have only to control the race because I have a good advantage on Hirvonen. I must to say "I'm sorry" to all the spectators.

ELENA – I've already said that today we could have seen a lot of surprises. And they arrived.

HIRVONEN – I was lucky. I've touched a bump damaging the rear suspension. It was the last stage of the first run.. The race is very tough, here it's very easy to make some mistake.

GALLI – I'm in a very good position, I'm virtually on the podium. By now we are in the middle of the race, but all is difficult with a route full of snares. We had to choose a compromise between speed and regularity. The duel with Sordo will continue. He is very quick.

SORDO – Galli pushes very hard. It's not easy to go faster then him. I will use the same tyres I used this morning. They have a harder compound.

PETTER SOLBERG – "Everything is ok!" (*But he doesn't seem to tell the truth*).

ATKINSON – It's not a great day for me. After a big jump I have damaged the car.

PONS – It's good to be sixth, it should be an important result for Constructors' title. I'm very happy for the race. It's a very tough rally where you have to respect the car.