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Subject: Open letter from Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the Motor Sports Association

On behalf of the Motor Sports Association, I would like to offer congratulations to Petter Solberg and Phil Mills and all at Subaru on their victory on the 2003 Wales Rally GB that claimed the 2003 World Rally Championship. Equally, our warmest congratulations go to Citroen for clinching the Manufacturers' Championship at the first attempt.

The 2003 Wales Rally GB was run to the highest professional standards, providing a fitting finale to the FIA World Rally Championship. It was an extremely smooth-running event and as ever, I must express our sincere thanks to the volunteer officials, marshals, rescue and medical personnel, without whom this world class rally simply could not run.

Special mention must also be made of our new title sponsor, the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), the support of the Welsh Assembly Government that welcomed everyone to Wales and the special relationship that we enjoy with Cardiff City Council and the Emergency Services.

As in recent years, hundreds of workers from the Forestry Commission and Forest Enterprise spent many hours preparing not only superb gravel roads for the competitors, but also safe viewing areas for spectators.

Finally, I would like to thank those fans that turned out in such huge numbers to support the event and whose impeccable behaviour and observance of the safety arrangements helped to contribute to such a successful rally.

Colin Hilton
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