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THE 2009 DAKAR SOLD OUT !

More than 550 entry forms have been received six months ahead of the start, it's already a success for the Dakar Argentina-Chile. Because it really is "the Dakar" that will be run in Argentina and Chile from January 3-18, 2009.

New regions worthy of the most difficult rally in the world will provide the competitors all they will require to push their limits. Those who like to surpass their capabilities have answered in mass for this all-new challenge.

From May 15 to June 15, the competitors who had been chosen for the 2008 Dakar were given a sign up « grace period » and they will make up 65% of the field of the next Dakar.

After the six weeks following the start of the inscription period, more than 500 teams had already been chosen, after a review of their entry form, to take part in the next edition of the rally. Among them, 16% are first time participants

The field will be, as last year, world-class with the presences of factory teams and the top independent teams.

This summer, the reconnaissance runs will continue on as will all the preparations in order to ensure this new challenge is a success.

Unchanged, unequalled, inimitable, the Dakar remains the Dakar

More information and an interview with, race director Etienne Lavigne on www.dakar.com

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