



Statement from the CEO of Fiat, Sergio Marchionne

The outcome of yesterday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix was certainly not what we all expected. However, we should be grateful to the men and women of Ferrari for the hard work that brought us so close to achieving something which just a few weeks ago seemed unthinkable.

It is true that something was missing on the homeward stretch, but I believe that everyone at Ferrari, from the Chairman to the most junior mechanic, gave it their all.

As such, I consider the sarcastic comments directed at the men and women of Ferrari and Luca di Montezemolo, especially those from the political world, to be wholly unwarranted and offensive.

A less than ideal race result does not negate the good work done by so many, work that cannot be discounted by statements from individuals who seem almost to take pleasure in the defeat.

Around the world, Ferrari represents the best of Italian technology. Its cars are considered everywhere as a symbol of an Italy that is at the cutting edge. Yesterday's result does not alter those values.

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