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Mr. Claude Harris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report Update

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573, and on behalf of our parent company, Daimler AG (DAG), this letter updates our October 29, 2010 Part 573 report regarding NHTSA recall number 10V-540 relating to the pin O-ring in certain diesel engine fuel filters.

573.6(c)(8)(i): Remedy Program

In November 2010, DAG initiated safety recall 10V-540 (MBUSA Recall Campaign Number 2010110001) after it determined that the pin O-ring of the diesel engine fuel filter may not have been properly lubricated in all cases during supplier manufacturing.

On September 30, 2011 MBUSA and DAG submitted a Part 573 defect information report on a different defect associated with the fuel filter heating unit O-rings and related mating surfaces. This 2011 defect was assigned NHTSA recall number 11V-496 (MBUSA Recall Campaign Number 2011110002). Recall 11V-496 will include replacement of the fuel filter on all vehicles previously covered by Recall 10V-540. Accordingly, MBUSA will close NHTSA recall number 10V-540 and discontinue quarterly reporting on 10V-540 after the fourth quarter of 2011. The Q4 2011 quarterly recall completion report for 10V-540 will indicate the number of recall repairs completed up to the point in time when the recall 10V-540 was closed and recall 11V-496 was launched. Going forward all of these vehicles will be covered and reported under MBUSA Recall Campaign Number 2011110002 (NHTSA recall number 11V-496).




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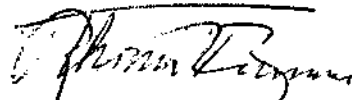
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. R. Thomas Brunner at brunnert@mbusa.com.

Sincerely,



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