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Stephan J. Speth, Director  
Vehicle Compliance & Safety Affairs  
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CIMS 482-00-91  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757

Re: Request for Confidential Treatment for Certain Documents Submitted in  
Response to EA 04-025

Dear Mr. Speth:

This is in response to your letter, dated July 25, 2005, in which you request confidential treatment for assembly plant process installation instructions and component drawings that are referenced by DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) in Enclosures 10 and 16 in its response to the above agency inquiry. DCC states that it has maintained the confidentiality of this information and has insisted that any suppliers who have received this information do the same. DCC requests that the information contained in the documents be permanently protected from disclosure.

DCC states that the documents submitted contain engineering blueprints and/or drawings containing information relating to the process of production. It maintains that the information contained on these renderings could not be otherwise obtained except after significant reverse engineering, and, if disclosed, would cause it competitive harm. DCC asserts that the documents are exempt from disclosure pursuant to an agency class determination. 49 CFR § 512, Appendix B(1).

The documents in the submission are blueprints and engineering drawings that contain relate to the process of production. Appendix B of Part 512 governs documents of this type. These documents are presumptively "likely to result in substantial competitive harm if disclosed to the public," and are protected. Subject to the conditions below, this grant of confidential treatment will remain in effect indefinitely.

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 CFR § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 CFR § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 CFR § 512.22(b)).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Otto G. Matheke, III, consisting of the letters 'O', 'M', and 'III' in a cursive style.

Otto G. Matheke, III  
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