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Mr. Kenneth L. Wittenauer
Continental Tire North America, Inc.
1800 Continental Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28273

Re: Confidentiality Determination/Continental – EA05-011 (Country Coach)

Dear Mr. Wittenauer:

This is in response to your May 23, 2006 letter requesting confidential treatment for materials submitted by Continental Tire North America, Inc. (Continental Tire) and enclosed with your letter. You state that the materials were provided voluntarily by Continental Tire in response to a "peer" information request in connection with the above investigation. Specifically, you request permanent confidential treatment for production and warranty/adjustment information. This material is contained in both CD and hard copy formats.

Your letter and accompanying certificate indicate that the information provided is confidential and proprietary data that Continental Tire does not and has not released to the public.

I am granting your request.

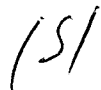
I have determined that Continental Tire provided this information voluntarily. Accordingly, I have reviewed your request under the principles set forth in *Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm'n*, 975 F.2d 871 (D.C. Cir. 1992). Under the test set forth in *Critical Mass*, financial or commercial information provided to the government on a voluntary basis is "confidential" for purposes of FOIA Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act if it is the kind of information that would customarily not be released to the public by the submitter.

The information for which you seek confidential treatment is contained in four tables set forth on three pages. The data in the tables reveals production volumes, total returns, and returns broken down by warranty codes. Since Continental Tire does not customarily release this information to the public, I am according confidential treatment to the foregoing information.

Subject to the following conditions, this grant of confidential treatment will remain in effect permanently. 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,



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