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CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Simeon S. Ford
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The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Akron, OH 44316-0001

Re: Confidentiality Determination Reconsideration Request /EA05-011

Dear Mr. Ford:

This responds to your November 1, 2006 request for reconsideration of Mr. Otto Matheke's October 6, 2006 denial of a May 30, 2006, request for confidential treatment for materials submitted by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear). The materials at issue were provided by Goodyear in response to an agency information request in connection with an investigation into tire failures on Country Coach motorhomes equipped with Toyo tires. You originally sought permanent confidential treatment for the information for an indefinite period of time.

Your May 30, 2006 request for confidential treatment was denied because Goodyear failed properly mark confidential materials in that submission. Accordingly, Mr. Matheke did not address the substantive issues raised by your request.

I am granting your request for reconsideration.

Your letter and accompanying certificate indicate that the information provided is confidential and proprietary data that, if released, would likely cause substantial competitive harm to Goodyear. You also state that the information has never been released or become available outside Goodyear.

Goodyear's reconsideration request corrects the marking deficiencies cited in our earlier denial. Your substantive arguments may now be considered on their merits. The agency has now examined the substantive arguments contained in both your original request and your

request for reconsideration and without agreeing to all of your assertions, has decided to grant your request for confidential treatment for the information Goodyear submitted indefinitely.

My decision is administratively final.

Sincerely,

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Chief Counsel

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