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Stephan J. Speth
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Re: DaimlerChrysler Request for Confidential Treatment for Information
Provided in Response to RQ06-004.

Dear Mr. Speth:

This responds to your letter dated August 10, 2006, in which you request confidential treatment for information submitted by DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) in response to the above agency request. The information in your submission is contained on a single CD-ROM disk identified as "RQ06-004 Confidential Enclosures August 10, 2006". DCC requests permanent confidential treatment.

The submission consists of one folder of DCC documents that contains 4 pdf files. Your letter and accompanying certificate indicate that the information provided is confidential and proprietary data that DCC does not, and has not, released to the public. Furthermore, your request states that release of these materials would cause competitive harm.

I have decided to grant your request for confidential treatment.

DCC submitted this data in response to a formal NHTSA request for information. Because DCC was required to submit this information, I reviewed your claim for confidential treatment under the test announced in National Parks & Conservation Ass'n v. Morton, 498 F.2d 765 (D.C. Cir. 1974), and its progeny. Under National Parks, information is confidential if its disclosure would be likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the submitter or to impair the government's ability to collect the information in the future.

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,



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