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Re: Confidentiality Determination/EA06-010

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is in response to your March 13, 2007 letter which requesting confidential treatment for materials submitted by Mazda North American Operations (Mazda). Mazda supplied these materials in response to a December 20, 2006 information request (IR) from the Office of Defect Investigations (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Specifically, you request confidential treatment for Mazda internal test standards provided on a CD-ROM and as an attachment to Mazda's written IR response. Mazda requests that the materials be granted permanent confidential treatment.

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

I have decided to grant your request.

The Mazda test protocols and standards at issue set forth the company's performance and design standards for fuel system components. These standards were developed at Mazda's expense and reflect the company's decision making on certain design criteria. Mazda does not release this information to the public and asserts that such a release would be likely to cause the company to suffer competitive harm.

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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