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Stephan J. Speth  
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Re: DaimlerChrysler Request for Confidential Treatment for Information  
Provided in Response to EA06-011.

Dear Mr. Speth:

This responds to your letter dated September 13, 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 "EA06-011 Request for Confidentiality September 11, 2006". DCC requests that manufacturing process data contained in the CD-ROM be granted permanent confidential treatment.

Examination of the CD-ROM reveals that it contains a folder named "Confidential Docs." The contents of that folder contain the following four files containing manufacturing process information:

00 DN AMP Sheet Confidential.pdf  
01 DN Amp Sheet Confidential.pdf  
04 HB Amp Sheet View 1 Confidential.pdf  
04 HB Amp Sheet View 2 Confidential.pdf

Your letter and accompanying certificate indicate that the information provided is 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.

Your request is granted.

I note first that your submission contains personally identifying information for certain DCC customers. Although you have not requested confidential treatment for this information, personal identifiers, such as names, telephone numbers, addresses and the last six digits of any VINs located in any part of DCC's submission will be redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of FOIA.

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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