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Stephan J. Speth, Director
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs
DaimlerChrysler Corporation
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Re: DaimlerChrysler Request for Confidential Treatment for Information
Provided in EA06-003

Dear Mr. Speth:

This responds to your February 16, 2007 letter requesting confidential treatment for a Power Point presentation submitted by DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) in anticipation of a February 22, 2007 meeting regarding the above investigation. The presentation is contained on a single CD-ROM identified as "Voluntary DCC Presentation to NHTSA Feb. 22, 2007". DCC states that the presentation file ("RS Crash Sensors NHTSA Review 2-22-07.pdf") contains a compilation of attorney work product and voluntarily provided other information that is not disclosed to the public. DCC requests permanent confidential treatment for this information.

I have decided to grant your request.

DCC provided this information voluntarily and was not required to submit this information under 49 U.S.C. § 30166 or other authority. 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).

The presentation contains detailed information revealing DCC's analysis and conclusions regarding an agency-conducted crash test, computer simulations of airbag deployments, trend analyses, out of position test results, and observed failure trends. This information is not readily available to the public. I have determined that this information is not customarily disclosed by the company. Accordingly, I am granting your request as to the file identified as "RS Crash Sensors NHTSA Review 2-22-07.pdf".

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,

Original Signed By

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