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Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: NVS-213aan; RQ06-005
Confidential Information

Dear Mr. Matheke:

In accordance with 49 CFR 512.4, enclosed is Toyota's response to NHTSA's April 18, 2006 letter concerning RQ06-005, a defect investigation into Toyota Tundra vehicles.

Toyota claims that the marked portions of the information contained in Attachments 8, 9, and 10 herein contains confidential information, specifically detailed engineering information on the front suspension and front suspension lower ball joints, including suspension geometry, design specifications, safety factors, performance requirements, and proprietary design changes and enhancements used in the subject vehicles. Toyota considers this information to be proprietary, and reflective of the company's significant technological and intellectual investment, and would not be available to others without similar efforts.

Release of this confidential material would aid Toyota's competitors in learning details of Toyota's specifications and performance requirements for the front suspension and front suspension lower ball joints, closely guarded information in the motor vehicle industry. Disclosure of this information would likely result in competitive harm. Therefore, Toyota requests that this material be treated permanently as confidential. Such information has historically been so recognized by the agency, and confidential treatment has been granted.

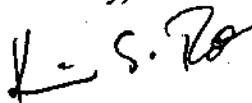
If this request and supporting affidavit are found to be insufficient to establish Toyota's entitlement to confidential treatment, we ask that, pursuant to 49 CFR 512.19, you afford us the opportunity to supplement this request.

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Included you will find three CD-ROM's containing the attachments to the response. Per 49 CFR 512, one CD-ROM contains the complete response including confidential information, one contains the response with the confidential information removed, and one contains only the confidential information.

If you have any questions about these materials, please contact Mr. Chris Santucci at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. S. Tinto", written over a horizontal line.Handwritten initials "for" in black ink, positioned to the left of the typed name.

Chris Tinto
Vice President
TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.


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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

I, Chris Tinto, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am Chris Tinto, Vice President, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., and I am authorized by Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan) to execute this certificate on its behalf;
- (2) I certify that the information contained in "Attachments 8, 9, and 10" in the response to NHTSA's April 18, 2006 letter [NVS-213aan; RQ06-005] is confidential and proprietary data and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted);
- (3) I hereby request that the information contained in "Attachments 8, 9, and 10" be protected permanently;
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Toyota Motor Corporation and affiliate personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Toyota Motor Corporation;
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates have claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation or their affiliates;
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5); and
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this, the 21st day of June 2006.

Executed on this, the 21st day of June 2006.



Chris Tinto
Vice President
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