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July 23, 2007

Ms. Cheryl Rose
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Office of Defects Investigation (NVS-213)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
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Washington, DC 20590

Re: NVS-213car / PE07-028

Dear Ms. Rose:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on July 10, 2007 to discuss the 2003 Honda Civic CNG fuel tank rupture. We appreciate the staff's time and cooperation with this matter.

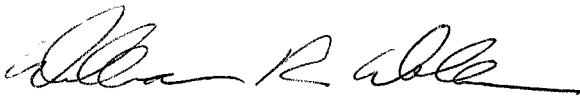
During the meeting you requested that we provide the presentation materials that were shown. We are submitting a request for confidentiality for the presentation materials which include the presentation along with 2 video clips to the Chief Counsel's office. The videos in their entirety are considered confidential and portions of the presentation are considered confidential. Enclosed is the redacted presentation for your files.

If you have any questions, please call me at (310) 783-3277.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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cc: Chief Counsel

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Office of the Chief Counsel, NCC-110
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
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Re: **PE07-028**
Civic CNG tank explosion

Dear Chief Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is a Request for Confidentiality for your consideration.

American Honda and staff from the Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) held a meeting on July 10, 2007 to discuss the Civic CNG fuel tank rupture investigation. Honda has been requested to submit the presentation material and 2 video clips shown at this meeting.

We believe that the material presented containing Honda's internal investigation test results are proprietary property of Honda. We are also requesting confidentiality for the material containing information as to the method or source of igniting an internal fire in the Civic CNG vehicle. Accordingly, we are requesting confidentiality for the pages specified in the affidavit and the videos in their entirety.

Please advise me of your decision on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



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cc: C. Rose

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST
OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

I, William R. Willen being duly sworn, depose and say:

- 1) That I am Managing Counsel of the Product Regulatory Office of the American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and that I am authorized by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and Honda Motor Co., Ltd., to make the following representations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on behalf of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.;
- 2) Some or all the materials contained on pages 5-6, 11-12, 15-19, 21-31, 33-36 and associated videos are confidential and proprietary data and are being submitted with the claim that they are entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by S505(d)(1) of Title 5 of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act). American Honda is informed and believes that the disclosure of this information would result in significant competitive damage to the company;
- 3) That I have personally inquired of the responsible Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and Honda R&D Co., Ltd. (Honda), employees 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 Honda;
- 4) That based upon the responses to such inquiries, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information for which Honda has claimed confidential treatment has not been, and is not intended to be, released by Honda, to any person, organization or government agency or body outside Honda, its subsidiaries, affiliates, or contracted vendors;
- 5) Based on information and belief, none of the information in the attached materials has been released outside of the governmental entities to which they were supplied;
- 6) That I make no representations beyond those contained in this affidavit and in particular I make no representations as to whether this information may have become available outside of Honda and its subsidiaries, because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure except as stated in Paragraph 4;
- 7) That the information contained in the enumerated paragraphs of this affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.



William R. Willen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of July, 2007.




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