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Via Federal Express

D. Scott Yon, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

OFFICE OF DEFECTS &
INVESTIGATIONS
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Re: PE13-026 – Preliminary Evaluation to Investigate Allegations of Rear Lamp Failures in MY 2008-2011 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Vehicles

Dear Mr. Yon:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (“Mercedes”) to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA” or “Agency”) in response to the Office of Defects Investigation’s request for information relating to Preliminary Evaluation (PE) 13-026 to investigate allegations of rear lamp failures in model year (MY) 2008-2011 Mercedes-Benz C-Class vehicles.

This letter provides Mercedes’ response to Request No. 1. Responses to Requests 2-7 will be provided shortly, and responses to Requests 8-12 will be provided by October 10, 2013.

- Request No. 1:** State, by model and model year, the number of subject vehicles MB has manufactured for sale or lease in the United States. Separately, for each subject vehicle manufactured to date by MB, state the following:
- a. Vehicle identification number (VIN);
 - b. Make;
 - c. Model;
 - d. Model Year;
 - e. Date of manufacture;
 - f. Date warranty coverage commenced; and
 - g. The State in the United States where the vehicle was originally sold or leased (or delivered for sale or lease).

Provide the table in Microsoft Access 2010, or a compatible format, entitled "PRODUCTION DATA." See Enclosure 1, Data Collection Disc, for a pre-formatted table which provides further details regarding this submission.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 1:

Mercedes has manufactured 252,867 subject vehicles for sale or lease in the United States. The information requested in Request No. 1a-g is provided in Attachment 1, Production Data.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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Attachment