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Subject: **Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company L.P., LLLP Response to NHTSA Information request EQ 14-004**

Dear Ms. Glass,

This letter is in response to the information requested for NHTSA EQ 14-004, the 45 defective seat belt assemblies that Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company L.P., LLLP ("LBCE") purchased from Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. ("IMMI"), LBCE checked in-house inventory and found 24 seat belts in stock or installed on cranes on property. Those 24 seat belts in LBCE's possession were replaced and the defective seat belt assemblies returned to IMMI. It was determined that the remaining 21 seat belt assemblies were installed in cranes that had shipped to end users.

Per internal policy, LBCE notified our distributors and end users of the 21 remaining seat belt assemblies by Certified Letter/Return Receipt Requested. The letter instructed the end user to contact their nearest LBCE distributor to have their seat belt assembly replaced at no charge to the end user.

The seat belt assemblies at issue are installed on mobile telescopic boom and lattice boom cranes that are of inordinate size and are not considered mobile vehicles. Therefore, LBCE will not be conducting a product recall in accordance with NHTSA regulations. LBCE is continuing to review the issue. We will resolve the issue of the seat belt assemblies through our internal system.

Regards,

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