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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Jennifer Timian, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: EQ15-001

Dear Ms. Timian:

Hercules Tire & Rubber Company ("Hercules") submits the attached material in response to Request Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of NHTSA's March 12, 2015 Information Request in Equipment Query (EQ15-001) regarding certain Hercules All Trac A/T tires manufactured by Shandong Yongsheng Rubber Co., Ltd. ("Yongsheng").

The material provided in response to Request No. 3 supplements Hercules' prior response to Request No. 3 and was recently received by Hercules from Crown Tyre. Crown sold the SUV tires manufactured by Yongsheng to Hercules, which Hercules then imported. The attached material is in Chinese with English translations provided by Crown. If Hercules receives any additional material from Crown that is responsive to the Information Request, Hercules will update its responses accordingly.

The material is provided subject to Hercules' concurrent confidentiality request and the statement in its April 30, 2015 letter to NHTSA that Hercules has not determined whether any tires that Hercules imports are "substantially similar" to the tires recalled by ITG Voma in October 2014, such that they are "Subject Tires" as defined in the Information Request. In any event, also as noted in Hercules' April 30, 2015 letter, the adjustment data did not indicate higher than usual adjustment rates for any of Hercules' SUV tires.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Joshua Simpson
Senior Vice President

Enclosures