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July 30, 2004

**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, S.W. NSA-11
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Our firm is general counsel for Four Winds International Corporation ("Four Winds"), P. O. Box 1486, Elkhart, Indiana 46515-1486. Four Winds has been notified by Freightliner LLC ("Freightliner") that certain Custom Chassis XC motorhome chassis built by Freightliner and sold to Four Winds do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 121, "Air Brake Systems". Freightliner has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Freightliner's safety recall campaign is 04V-283.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain 2004 and 2005 model year Mandalay motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds contain the Custom Chassis XC motorhome chassis that have been determined by Freightliner to not be in compliance with FMVSS 121.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The chassis containing the above-referenced non-compliance has been used on certain 2004 and 2005 model year Mandalay motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds during the period from January 30, 2004 through June 14, 2004. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 60. Upon the information available to Four Winds, it is believed that all of these motorhomes contain the non-compliance referred to above.

The beginning and ending serial numbers for the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are MDD001296 and MDD001500, respectively. The beginning and ending VIN for the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are 4UZABFDC04CM95807 and 4UZABFDCX4CN34063, respectively.

- B. Description of Non-Compliance. All of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall do not comply with FMVSS 121 governing air brake systems because other warning indicators are given priority over the low air alarm. If the operator of the motorhome does not acknowledge a higher priority alarm, the low air alarm will not be displayed, which could result in a vehicle being driven with the air pressure below the required 60 PSI without a low air warning and possibly causing the parking brakes to apply suddenly.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Non-Compliance Exists. Four Winds received notification from Freightliner that a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 121 may exist on the motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds that contain that the Custom Chassis XC motorhome chassis.
- D. Remedying of Non-Compliance. As set forth in the notifications issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 04V-283, Freightliner's authorized dealers will reprogram the multi-module data controller so that the low air warning requirements of FMVSS 121 are satisfied.

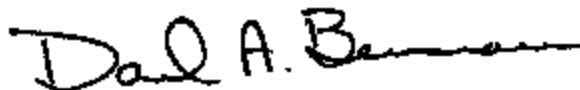
In order for Freightliner to remedy the non-compliance referred to above, all of the owners of the motorhomes sold by Four Winds must be notified. As of this date, Four Winds has completed its obligation to provide Freightliner with the names and addresses of the current owners of the Mandalay motorhomes subject to this recall campaign. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-283.

- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-283.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 04V-283. Because the information included by Freightliner in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Four Winds' motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Four Winds will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication. However, Four Winds will monitor the quarterly reports filed by Freightliner to insure that the Mandalay motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are being remedied by Freightliner.
- G. Campaign Number. Four Winds does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Four Winds will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

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The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Four Winds with respect to this recall. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Four Winds in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Bensman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daniel A. Bensman

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cc: Four Winds International Corporation (via fax)
Mr. John M. Garmhausen

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