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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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JOE LABONTE
ORION BUS INDUSTRIES LTD.
350 HAZELHURST ROAD
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO
CANADA 00 L5T 4T8

NVS-215
05V-026

Subject: ORION/DETROIT DIESEL/ENGINE TURBOCHARGER

Dear MR. LABONTE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ORION/V/1998-1999
ORION/VI/1998

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-026

Recall Date: January 19, 2005

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING; ENGINE: GASOLINE: TURBO-CHARGER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 44

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH DETROIT DIESEL SERIES 50 ENGINES, THE TURBOCHARGER CAN FAIL ALLOWING LUBRICATING OIL TO ENTER THE EXHAUST SYSTEM.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT THE TURBOCHARGER FAILS, A FIRE MAY OCCUR IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

Remedy:

DETROIT DIESEL IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE ENGINE AND INSTALL AN EXHAUST TEMPERATURE SENSOR TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXHAUST OR ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DETROIT DIESEL CORPORATION AT 313-592-5791 OR ORION AT 905-403-7832.

Notes:

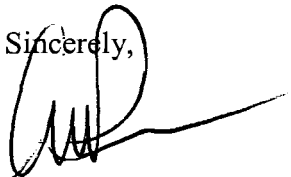
ORION & DETROIT DIESEL RECALL NO. 04C-2. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Detroit Diesel Corporation will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Detroit Diesel's campaign is not satisfactory you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division