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**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

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OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

**Re: EIDorado National (California), Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report
EQ05-004**

Dear Mr. Person:

Our firm is general counsel for EIDorado National (California), Inc. ("EIDorado"), 9670 Galena Street, Riverside, California 92509. EIDorado National received notification from Cummins Inc. ("Cummins") that there is a potential safety-related defect with respect to a fuel system component located on Cummins ISB diesel engines. Cummins has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Cummins' safety recall campaign is 05E-007.

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 buses manufactured by EIDorado contain the Cummins ISB diesel engines that have been determined by Cummins to have a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety.

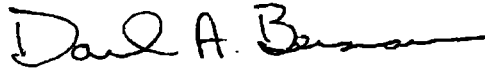
As more specifically set forth below, Cummins has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective ISB diesel engines, including but not limited to providing notification to all of EIDorado's potential customers that are subject to the recall campaign, providing the necessary parts to repair the defect, and filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective ISB diesel engines supplied by Cummins have been used on certain 1998 through 2005 model year Escort REA and EZ-Rider buses manufactured by EIDorado during the period from April 1998 through September 2004. The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 402.
- B. Description of Defect. All of the buses subject to this recall campaign contain the ISB diesel engines manufactured by Cummins. The defect involves the fuel lift pump mounted to the side of the engine. The fuel lift pump's purpose is to draw fuel from the vehicle's fuel tank and supply the engine fuel injection system. The fuel lift pump could fail in a manner which results in engine fuel starvation and an engine stall condition.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. EIDorado received notification from Cummins on February 8, 2005 that a potential defect with the ISB diesel engines may exist.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notifications issued by Cummins in connection with recall campaign 05E-007, the fuel lift pump will be replaced with an internal bypass and the installation of a low fuel pressure warning system. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Cummins in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Cummins. Cummins has agreed to replace the defective fuel lift pumps without charge to the owners.
- In order for Cummins to remedy the defect referred to above, all of the owners of the buses sold by EIDorado that are subject to this recall campaign must be notified. As of this date, EIDorado has completed its obligation to provide Cummins with the names and addresses of the current owners of such buses. Cummins will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 05E-007.
- E. Owner Notifications. Cummins has agreed to provide the notification letters to the owners of the buses that are subject to this recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 05E-007.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Cummins will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 05E-007. Because the information included by Cummins in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the EIDorado buses subject to this recall campaign, EIDorado will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. EIDorado does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. EIDorado 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 EIDorado with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of EIDorado in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at (937) 492-1271.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. Bensman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel A. Bensman

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cc: EIDorado National (California), Inc. (via fax)
Mr. John M. Garmhausen

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