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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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ROBERT POISSANT
SALES MANAGER
BEDARD TANKERS INC
5785 PLACE TURCOT
MONTREAL QUEBEC CANADA 00 H4C 1V9

NVS-215
06V-165

Subject: STEERING AXLES

Dear MR. POISSANT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
BEDARD/1620/2006
BEDARD/1800/2006
BEDARD/2600/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-165 **Mfg's Report Date:** March 14, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION: REAR: AXLE: SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21

Summary:
ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH IMT AXLES, DUE TO IMPROPER MATERIAL USED ON THE AXLE SPINDLE, THE SPINDLE CAN BEND OR BREAK.

Consequence:
A BROKEN SPINDLE CAN ALLOW THE WHEEL TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AXLE AFTER TESTING, IF NECESSARY. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BEDARD TANKERS AT 514-937-1670.

Notes:
CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ06-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.5, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility," Bedard Tankers is responsible for any safety-related defect or any noncompliance determined to exist in their vehicles or in any item of original equipment. Therefore, Bedard Tankers should notify its dealers and owners and make arrangements to have these vehicles remedied free of charge.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

> Please provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year).
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> You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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,

Patricia A. Wallace

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement