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of Transportation

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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

October 18, 2006

THOMAS BALOGA
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NVS-215
06V-399

Subject: FINAL-DRIVE ASSEMBLY O-RING SEAL/MOTORCYCLES

Dear MR. BALOGA:

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:

BMW/R1200 HP2 /2006
BMW/R1200 S/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-399

Mfg's Report Date: October 9, 2006

Components: POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 700

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, DURING ASSEMBLY, THE FINAL-DRIVE ASSEMBLY O-RING MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED CORRECTLY. A LEAK MAY OCCUR AT THE LOCATION OF THIS O-RING WHICH IS NEAR THE REAR BRAKE DISC.

Consequence:

IF A LEAK WERE TO OCCUR, OIL COULD COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE REAR BRAKE DISC, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW O-RING IN THE FINAL-DRIVE ASSEMBLY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-831-1117.

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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

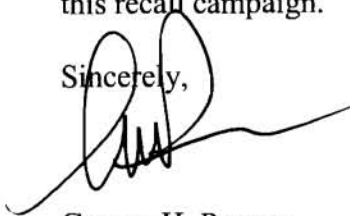
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during November 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement