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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: NHTSA Recall No.: 05E-078
Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

This report is being submitted as a result of notification by Caterpillar Inc. that a defect exists with the Caterpillar® C15 engine.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - MY 2004 thru 2005: 5000 and 9000 Series Models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 5/15/2003 thru 12/17/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - With Caterpillar C15 Engines.

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]

- This report does relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.
- Supplier contact information:

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(3) *VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]*

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canada Quantity</i>	<i>Mexico Quantity</i>	<i>Export Quantity</i>
5600i 6X4	5	0	0	0
5900i 6X4	4	2	0	0
9400i 6X4	1,055	197	7	0
9900i 6X4	248	133	0	0
9900ix	59	1	0	3
Grand Totals	1,371	333	7	3

(4) *PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- Four (4%) of the vehicles in the suspect population are estimated to contain the defect.

(5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- The VVA oil line may wear against the cylinder head.
- This wear may cause an oil leak and a potential fire hazard.

(6) *CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*

- 12/16/2005 International Compliance notified by Caterpillar Inc. that they had initiated a safety recall on this issue and requested customer information so they could administer the recall themselves.
- 1/2/2005 Search conducted to determine population of vehicles that contain the suspect engine serial numbers.
- 1/4/2005 Sent Caterpillar Inc. customer information as requested.
- 1/6/2005 International declares a safety recall.

(7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- Caterpillar Inc. will administer the campaign, notify customers and supply remedy as outlined in Caterpillar's Defect Report submitted to the NHTSA on 12/12/2005 (reference 05E-078).
- Caterpillar Inc. will also provide quarterly completion reports as required by Part 573.7.

(8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- Because Caterpillar Inc. is administering the campaign, any plan for pre-remedy reimbursements will be handled by Caterpillar.

(9) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- International Truck and Engine Corporation will not be notifying owners or International dealers.
- Caterpillar Inc. will notify International customers by: 2/1/2006.

(10) INTERNATIONAL RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

- 06501

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. L. Van Laar".

R. L. Van Laar

Compliance Manager

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