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**Re: 49 CFR Part 573 Information Report Update; Recall of Mercedes-Benz S and CL-Class (220/215) Instrument Cluster. NHTSA Recall 06V-028**

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 573, and on behalf of our parent company, DaimlerChrysler AG (DCAG), this letter provides a status update on a voluntary recall that was originally reported to you pursuant to Part 573 on February 1, 2006. Specifically, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is providing an update on the timing of owner notifications regarding the Instrument Cluster on certain S-Class and CL-Class vehicles described in the original February 1, 2006 report.

**573.6(c)(8)(ii) Timing of Owner Notification**

On October 24, 2006 we explained that the owner notification process for the 29,579 potentially affected S and CL vehicles is being done in three phases based on the projected availability of replacement parts, and that phase I was mailed out to approximately 7,500 customers on September 29, 2006.

In our October 24, 2006 update we indicated that a Phase II mailing would be done in December, 2006, for an additional group of approximately 7,500 customers and that a Phase III mailing for the remaining group of approximately 15,000 customers would be scheduled for February, 2007.



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Due to increased replacement parts availability, MBUSA has been able to accelerate the remaining notification mailing schedule. The 7,500 notices from Phase II and the 15,000 notices from Phase III will now be completed by the end of December for all affected S and CL owners.

As explained in our October 24<sup>th</sup> update, affected AMG models incorporate a different instrument cluster configuration, with a separate part supply. Owner notifications for the 800 AMG owners was originally planned for February, 2007, and has now been moved up to January, 2007 based on accelerated availability of replacement parts.

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If you or your staff has any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Bowne at (201) 573-2719.

Sincerely,



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