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March 13, 2006

**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

Re: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Our firm is general counsel for Four Winds International Corporation ("Four Winds"), P. O. Box 1486, Elkhart, Indiana 46515-1486. Four Winds has been notified by Freightliner LLC ("Freightliner") that certain XC motorhome chassis built by Freightliner and sold to Four Winds have a defect involving the lower yoke on the ZF steering shaft assemblies used on such chassis. Freightliner has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Freightliner's safety recall campaign is 05V-408.

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 2005 model year Mandalay motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds were built on the XC motorhome chassis that have been determined by Freightliner to contain a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The chassis containing the above-referenced defect has been used on certain 2005 model year Mandalay motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds during the period from June 25, 2004 through April 12, 2005. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 65. Upon the information available to Four Winds, it is believed that all of these motorhomes contain the defect referred to above.

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The range of the serial numbers and VIN for the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are set forth on the attached Exhibit "A."

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall contain the ZF steering shaft assemblies with lower yokes that may have been incorrectly machined. The steering shaft splines could push through the lower yoke, allowing the steering wheel to turn without any response, resulting in a loss of steering control and a possible vehicle crash without prior warning.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Freightliner that a potential defect may exist on the motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds that were built on certain of its motorhome chassis.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notifications issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 05V-408, Freightliner's authorized dealers will permanently install a retaining collar on the steering shaft to prevent the splines from pushing through the yoke.

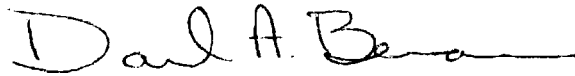
In order for Freightliner to remedy the defect referred to above, all of the owners of the motorhomes sold by Four Winds must be notified. As of this date, Four Winds has completed its obligation to provide Freightliner with the names and addresses of the current owners of the Mandalay motorhomes subject to this recall campaign. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 05V-408.

- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 05V-408.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 05V-408. Because the information included by Freightliner in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Four Winds' motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Four Winds will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication. However, Four Winds will monitor the quarterly reports filed by Freightliner to insure that the Mandalay motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are being remedied by Freightliner.
- G. Campaign Number. Four Winds does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Four Winds 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 Four Winds with respect to this recall. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Four Winds in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Bensman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel A. Bensman

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cc: Four Winds International Corporation (via fax)
Mr. John M. Garmhausen

US LISTING								
Model	Model Year	Qty	Beg. Serial #	Ending Serial #	Beg. VIN #	Ending VIN #	Beg. Mfg. Date	Ending Mfg. Date
Mandalay	2005	62	MDD001512	MDD001932	4UZABFDC04CN79528	4UZACHDC85CU56781	6/25/2004	4/12/2005
Canadian Listing								
Model	Model Year	Qty	Beg. Serial #	Ending Serial #	Beg. VIN #	Ending VIN #	Beg. Mfg. Date	Ending Mfg. Date
Mandalay	2005	2	MDD001511	MDD001579	4UZABFDC24CN79532	4UZABFDC95CU08391	6/25/2004	8/19/2004
Total Number Affected								
Overseas Listing								
Model	Model Year	Qty	Beg. Serial #	Ending Serial #	Beg. VIN #	Ending VIN #	Beg. Mfg. Date	Ending Mfg. Date
Mandalay	2005	1	MDD001515		4UZABFDC44CN79533		6/28/2004	

Total Number Affected 65