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**VIA FACSIMILE & CERTIFIED 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: Four Winds International Corporation
 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 Workhorse Custom Chassis ("Workhorse") that certain 2005 and 2006 Workhorse W series motorhome chassis sold to Four Winds may have a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety involving the installation of an incorrect steering intermediate shaft. Workhorse has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Workhorse's safety recall campaign is 06V-148.

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 motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds were built on the Workhorse W series motorhome chassis that may contain the defective steering intermediate shaft.

As more specifically set forth below, Workhorse has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis, including, but not limited to, providing the initial notification to all of Four Wind's owners that are subject to this recall campaign, remedying the defect, and filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

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- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Workhorse have been used on certain 2006 model year Hurricane motorhomes and on certain 2006 and 2007 model year Magellan and Windsport motorhomes, which were manufactured by Four Winds during the period from July, 2005 through June, 2006. The total number of chassis received by Four Winds that are subject to this recall campaign is 79. However, nine of the chassis have not been built upon. As a result, only 70 motorhomes actually manufactured by Four Winds are subject to this recall campaign. A summary of these motorhomes is set forth on the attached Exhibit "A."
- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign were built on Workhorse chassis that contain a steering shaft and gear connection. The potential defect involves the installation of an incorrect steering intermediate shaft on the chassis. Use of this incorrect shaft may cause the spline not to match correctly with the corresponding steering gear input shaft. This condition may result in loss of steering control and increase the risk of a crash.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds recently received notification from Workhorse that a potential defect exists with respect to the steering intermediate shaft used on certain Workhorse chassis. Subsequently, Four Winds confirmed that certain of the chassis purchased from Workhorse contain the potential defect.
- D. Remediating of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Workhorse in connection with recall campaign 06V-148, owners are to inspect the steering intermediate shaft to determine if an incorrect shaft was installed. If an incorrect shaft has been installed, Workhorse dealers will replace the incorrect shaft with a correct one. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Workhorse in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Workhorse. Workhorse will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-148. Workhorse has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Workhorse will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign, including the dealer stock units, in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-148.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Workhorse will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 06V-148. Because the information included by Workhorse in its quarterly reports will encompass the remediating 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 Workhorse to insure that the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are being remedied by Workhorse.

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- 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.

Please contact the undersigned at (937) 492-1271 if you have any questions after you have had an opportunity to review the enclosed information. Otherwise, our office will provide NHTSA with the updated information necessary to implement the recall campaign after receipt of such information from Workhorse.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosure

cc: Four Winds International Corporation (via e-mail)
Mr. John M. Garmhausen

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EXHIBIT "A"

Model	Number Affected		Beg. Serial	Ending Serial	Beg. VIN	Ending VIN	Beg. Manufacturing Date	Ending Manufacturing Date
Hurricane	10	2006	HAA016743	HAA017601	5B4MP67G163414890	5B4MP67G853410379	10/19/2005	4/13/2006
		2006	LAA016268	LAA016739			8/4/2005	10/18/2005
Magellan Windsport	46 14	2006-2007	LAD002224	LAD002675	5B4MP67G053411235	5B4MP67G053411235	10/24/2005	Currently in production
		2006-2007	WAA016196	WAA017778	5B4MP67G163414128	5B4MP67GX53409783	7/22/2005	5/11/2006
Total	70							