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VIA DHL Express

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director Office of Defects Investigation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall Campaign

2006MY Kia Sedona EX Stop Lamp Switch Wiring Harness Repositioning

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

The following information is submitted in accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

573.6 (C)(1)

Manufacturer: Kia Motors Corp.

Importer: Kia Motors America, Inc.

Agent Designated by Manufacturer: Robert Babcock

Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc

573.6(C)(2)

Identification of Vehicle, Make, Model Year and Manufacturing

Date:

A portion of the model year 2006 Kia Sedona EX vehicles equipped with adjustable brake pedal produced from June

15, 2005 through May 18, 2006.

573.6(C)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles: Approximately 4,753 vehicles are subject to the recall.

There are 5,055 Kia Sedona vehicles in the range specified in (C)(2), but 302 vehicles will have their stop lamp switch wiring harness repositioned at the ports prior to being

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shipped to dealers. The remaining 4,753 vehicles in this range are subject to this recall.

573.6(C)(4)

Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

This defect potentially exists in all vehicles identified in (C)(2).

573.6(C)(5)

Description of the Defect:

The stop lamp switch wiring harness in vehicles equipped with adjustable brake pedals may be out of position.

It is possible for an improperly positioned stop lamp switch wiring harness to make contact with the U-joint assembly of the steering column. Repeated contact may eventually cause the wiring harness insulation to wear through leading to chaffed wires. Chaffed wires could cause a short of the wiring harness resulting in the loss of brake lights, engine stalling or an inability to start the vehicle. These could lead to an accident and personal injuries.

573.6(C)(7)

Basis for Defect Determination

In early July, KMA received information from the field that the stop lamp switch wiring harness was shorting in some vehicles. As a result KMC inspected other Sedona vehicles equipped with adjustable brake pedals and on September 5, 2006 determined that any vehicle produced from June 15, 2005 to May 18, 2006 could have its stop lamp switch wiring harness too close to the steering column and should be recalled.

573.6(C)(8)(i)

Program to Remedy Defect:

All owners of vehicles identified in (C)(3) will be notified by first class mail to bring their vehicle to a Kia dealer. At that time, the dealer will inspect the wiring harness in the area of the steering column for chaffing and, repair if necessary. In addition, the dealer will secure the wiring

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harness away from the U-joint assembly using a tie wrap for this purpose.

Kia dealers will be advised not to sell any Sedona EX vehicles without tying the wiring harness away from the steering column to prevent chaffing of the wires.

573.6(C)(8)(ii)

Estimated Date for Notification of Defect to Owners and Dealers

The estimated time of notification to dealers and owners is the end of September 2006.

573.6(C)(11)

Notices

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted contemporaneously with this notice. A Technical Service Bulletin will be provided to NHTSA in the near future.

573.6(C)(12)

Manufacturer's Campaign Number If Different From Identification Number Assigned by NHTSA SC065

If you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me in writing at the above address.

Very truly yours,

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