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August 6, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC 20590

via FAX and Regular Mail

RE: Notice of Recall in Accordance with 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Big Dog Motorcycles, L.L.C. (Big Dog Motorcycles) has decided that safety defect may exist in certain sissy bar assemblies sold as an accessory part for its motorcycles. The sissy bar assemblies may be undersized, allowing excessive movement of the sissy bar. Over time, this could cause the bolts that retain the sissy bar to break and allow the sissy bar to detach from the motorcycle. This condition could occur without warning and could result in an injury and/or crash. The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect reporting regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

**Population**

Approximately 1800 of the subject assemblies have been sold to our dealers. We do not know how many units have been sold to end users. The sissy bar assemblies are used on the following models:

2006 - K-9  
2007 - K-9, Bulldog, and Mastiff

**Component Supplier**

The sissy bar assemblies, which are the subject of this recall campaign, were manufactured by:

FAST Mfg.  
1393 N. Broadway Rd.  
Peck, KS 67120

This company is no longer in business.

The sissy bar assemblies, which are the subject of this recall campaign, were chromed by:

Lincoln Industries  
600 West E Street  
Lincoln, NE 68522

### **Description of Defect**

The subject sissy bar assemblies may be undersized, allowing excessive movement of the sissy bar. Over time, this could cause the bolts that retain the sissy bar to break and allow the sissy bar to detach from the motorcycle. There are no reports of any accidents or injuries caused by this condition.

### **Chronology of Events**

In April, 2007, Big Dog Motorcycles commenced an investigation to review reports of sissy bar failures. After an evaluation of this issue, on August 1, 2007, the company decided to implement a voluntary safety recall campaign.

### **Remedy Program**

Big Dog Motorcycles dealers and service centers will measure the diameter of the sissy bar and determine if they are within specification and safe for continued use. Sissy bars with diameters that are too small will be returned to Big Dog Motorcycles and destroyed. Owners with a defective sissy bar will be offered a replacement sissy bar if one is available, or a refund. Attached is a copy of Big Dog Motorcycles customer letter, dealer letter, and Sissy Bar Remedy Instructions as required by 49 CFR Part 577.

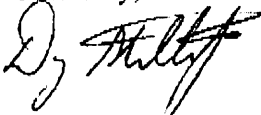
Big Dog Motorcycles is prepared to send out the notification letters to its dealers on or about August 24, 2007.

### **Reimbursement Program**

Sissy bar owners may be eligible for reimbursement of eligible expenses from Big Dog Motorcycles. These owners will be given information to contact Big Dog Motorcycles Customer Service Department collect at 316-267-9121 for full details of the reimbursement program, its coverage and limitations.

Please advise the undersigned or in the alternative, Steve Zier (at 316-219-6502; or fax: 316-219-6602) of the NHTSA campaign number assigned to this recall.

Sincerely,



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