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RECALL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

Re: Defect Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2007 model year Kawasaki Motorcycles. The following information, constituting a Defect Report, provides the information immediately available. Additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c) will be submitted in a subsequent report.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: The vehicles in question were manufactured by Kawasaki Motors Enterprise (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and imported to the United States by KMC, which will assume responsibility for conduct of this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: This involves 155 units of the 2007 model Kawasaki KLX250S between VIN JKALXMH147DA20653 and JKALXMH147DA20927. These units were manufactured between (March 23, 2007) and (March 29, 2007).
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: An estimated 155 vehicles are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: Unknown, but calculations based on vehicles manufactured in the same timeframe puts the estimated % of affected units at <1%.
- 5) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect: Brief: incomplete welding of the top rear shock mount. Detailed: the top mount for the (single) rear shock is spot welded in position during frame manufacture, then is supposed to be completely welded to the frame in a subsequent operation. In a small number of frames, it appears this subsequent welding operation was not performed.
- 6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt: This information will be provided in a subsequent report.

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- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.
- 8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect. The estimated date on which it will begin sending notifications to owners that there is a safety-related defect. KMC has notified (by telephone, with facsimile follow-up) all dealers that had affected units in their inventory, directing them not to sell or release the units until they have been inspected. KMC will send these dealers specific instructions on conducting an inspection to determine if the incorrect welding is present.
- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance. A copy of the faxed notification is attached. Copies of the final notification to dealers concerning the inspection and disposition of affected vehicles will be provided when finalized.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger F. Hagie". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "R" and "H".

Roger F. Hagie
Director Public Affairs



May 24, 2007

Attention:

Dealer Number:

Regarding: 2007 KLX250S Model

VIN: JKALXMH157DA_ _ _ _ _

Vehicle(s) listed above may contain a safety defect. DO NOT SELL.

Dear Kawasaki Dealer:

This letter follows up on a telephone call you received from Kawasaki's Technical Services Department on May 23rd in which you were advised that your dealership recently received the vehicle(s) described above which may contain a safety defect related to the welding of the frame. This defect could result in a crash causing injury or death. **DO NOT SELL THESE AFFECTED VEHICLES.**

In accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, Kawasaki requests that you refrain from selling any affected unit until the defect can be remedied. Kawasaki is developing an inspection procedure which will be sent to you in a separate communication. Any vehicles found to contain this defect will be replaced by Kawasaki with no additional delivery charges.

Please advise us immediately if any of the affected vehicles in your inventory have been sold and to whom so we may contact them and advise them not to ride their motorcycle until further notice. Also, please direct any questions to: (949) 770-0400 ext. 2513

Sincerely,

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
Technical Services Department

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