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January 25, 2008

Via certified mail

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 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 2008 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 affected vehicles were manufactured by Kawasaki Motors Enterprise Thailand (KMT) and imported to the United States by Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) which will be responsible for conduct of this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: This recall involves 2008 model year Kawasaki EX250 motorcycles as noted below.

Model	Year	Beginning Vin	Ending Vin
EX250J8F/L	2008	JKAEXMJ158DA00061	JKAEXMJ118DA01210

- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: A total of 532 vehicles are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: For purpose of this recall 100% of the vehicles will be assumed to contain the defect.
- 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: On some eligible units, the tail light bulb may prematurely fail, creating the potential for an accident resulting in injury or death.

- 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.
- 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 will notify all authorized Kawasaki motorcycle dealers by means of a recall bulletin. Target date for sending the bulletin is January 29, 2008. Kawasaki will notify all purchasers of the affected models using Kawasaki warranty records. Customer recall letters are expected to be mailed on February 4, 2008. KMC will reimburse customers that may have experienced this failure, if the failure was not already covered by the Kawasaki warranty.

Note: KMC requests that NHTSA defer posting information concerning this Recall to its web site until February 4, 2008, the date of the customer notification. This way, KMC will have the opportunity to notify its dealers prior to public release of this information; dealer will thus be able to provide information to answer customer inquiries.

- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance. These will be provided to NHTSA once they are finalized.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Hagie". Below the signature, the text "by dlh" is written in a smaller, simpler script.

Roger F. Hagie
Director Public Affairs