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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 4
08V-087, FL525, TBB Emergency Exit Door Handle**

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information revising the population of potentially affected vehicles and the remedy for safety recall 08V-087.

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model Years affected: 1995 through 2008

Manufacture Dates: January 1994 through March 10, 2008

Basis for determining population: A design change in November 2000 revised the corners in the attachment socket from a small radius to square corner. These parts were supplied as both original and replacement equipment and may have been used on vehicles built prior to November 2000.

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 159,607

Approximately 66,519 added to original population

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:

MY 1995 through 2000, 30%

MY 2001 through 2008, 100%

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(c)(8) Remedial program: Aluminum handles on vehicles built after October 2000 will be replaced with a more robust handle. Vehicles built prior to November 2000 will be inspected to determine the condition of the handle and when the handle was built. On vehicles built prior to November 2000 handles showing signs of corrosion, and handles built after October 2000 will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Thomas Built Buses dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Daimler Trucks North America to do their own warranty repairs.

Estimated Dealer Notification Date: Notification for revised population and work instructions will be made approximately February 7, 2009.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification for revised population will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately February 7, 2009.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nasser Zamani".

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA

Enclosure

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