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March 3, 2008

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Re: Defect Information Report FL-526, MBE4000 High Pressure Fuel Line

Mr. Smith,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 62,000, Freightliner, Sterling and Western Star vehicles equipped with MBE4000 engines manufactured April 2004 through April 2007 with a defect in the high-pressure fuel lines.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Blubaugh

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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

Date: March 3, 2008

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. Box 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
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Brands: Freightliner, Sterling and Western Star.

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Freightliner Business Class, Century Class, Columbia, Coronado, FLD and Classic; Sterling A-Line and L-Line; Western Star 4900.

Model Years affected: 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Manufacture Dates: April 2004 to April 2007.

Basis for determining population: Trucks with MBE 4000 engines that were built at the Sao Paulo, Brazil, factory from March 2004 to December 2006.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not applicable.

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 62,000

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

(c)(5) Description of the defect: If a fastener at the end of the high-pressure fuel injector line is not connected properly, the fuel line may fatigue and fracture.

49 C.F.R. Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: A fractured fuel line may leak diesel fuel. If a leak continues undetected under certain conditions fuel may ignite at a hot engine surface and/or fuel may be spilled on the road surface. If a fuel line leaks the following conditions may be immediately noticeable to the driver: rough operation of the engine, low engine power, and the distinct scent of diesel fuel.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: Analysis of warranty and field service records indicated high levels of claims for these fuel lines. An engineering evaluation, including extensive laboratory analysis and engine testing, identified the root causes.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not applicable.

(c)(8) Remedial program: Pending validation of a permanent solution, drivers who suspect a fuel leak should contact a Detroit Diesel distributor, or a Freightliner Sterling or Western Star dealer, to have their vehicle inspected and repaired if necessary.

Dealers and Distributors Notification Date: Approximately August 29, 2008.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately August 29, 2008.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not applicable.

(c)(10) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for review when available.

(c)(12) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-526