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2008 APRIL 30- 10:30 AM  
OFFICE OF RECALL  
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

08V-196  
(2 Pages)

Re: Eldorado National - California  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Eldorado National - California has been notified by Freightliner concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between January 5, 2007 and May 17, 2007 inclusive. Freightliner has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 07V-306 to the Freightliner recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by Eldorado National - California were built with Freightliner chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Freightliner has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Eldorado National - California will provide Freightliner with a list of dealers and owners to assist Freightliner in remedying the defect. Freightliner will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Freightliner have been used on the following buses:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
MST	2007, 2008

These buses were manufactured between May 29, 2007 and August 23, 2007. The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 10.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain steering arms or tie rod arms that may have been over or under tightened during their assembly. Incorrectly torqued steering arm fasteners may fatigue and fracture and cause a crash without warning.

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- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Eldorado National - California received notification from Freightliner on April 21, 2008 that the defect with the chassis exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 07V-306, Freightliner will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Freightliner in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Freightliner. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 07V-306. Freightliner has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will notify the owner's of the buses on behalf of Eldorado National - California. A copy of the owner's notification letter has been provided with recall 07V-306.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 07V-306. Because the information included by Freightliner in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Eldorado National - California buses subject to this recall campaign, Eldorado National - California will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. Eldorado National - California does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Eldorado National - California will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Eldorado National - California with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Eldorado National - California in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Eldorado National – California at 909-591-9557.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager