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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
NVS-200, Room W45-306
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Update to the Part 573 Defect Information Report (NHTSA Recall #08V-608)

Dear Mr. Smith

On November 19, 2008 Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) submitted a Part 573 Defect Information Report, regarding the radial knuckle of the front strut in certain 2007 Model Year Mercedes-Benz S-Class vehicles.

After having submitted this original Part 573 Defect Information Report, the supplier ZF Sachs has contacted Daimler AG (DAG) and offered a repair method to the head of the radial knuckle as an alternative to the announced replacement of the front struts. DAG is currently evaluating the repair method. Confirmation of the validity of the repair method is expected in mid January 2009.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) will notify NHTSA after having received this confirmation. As a result, customer notification and recall launch will be delayed until at least mid - late January 2009.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gary H. Bowne at (201) - 573-2719.

Sincerely,

for
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