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December 17, 2008

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Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 573, and on behalf of our parent company, Daimler AG (DAG), this letter advises you of a voluntary safety related recall for certain Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Specifically, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) submits this report regarding the driving pin used to control the oil pressure of the power steering in certain 2008 Model Year Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany.

Designated Agent: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
Montvale, NJ 07645

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573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles

Make	Line/Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	M-Class, Model W164 GL-Class, Model X164 R-Class, Model 251	2008	March 3 rd 2008 – March 20 th 2008



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573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

Approximately 577 Mercedes-Benz vehicles are potentially affected in the US.

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect

The percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the issues described below is clearly below 0.2%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DAG has determined that a defect may exist in the driving pin used to control the oil pressure of the power steering. This defect resulted from a manufacturing process flaw at the supplier. If a defective driving pin exists in a vehicle and the pin breaks during normal vehicle turning, the normally available hydraulic support function will no longer function and steering wheel operation will be limited.

573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events

During production of the affected part, a supplier conducted an unapproved rework process. The supplier's investigation regarding this rework process allowed identification of the potentially affected production range of the driving pins.

After testing and investigation, as noted above, DAG has determined that an improperly reworked driving pin may fracture leading to limited operation of the steering. MBUSA will immediately recall this small number of vehicles.

573.6(c)(8)(i): Remedy Program

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles described above. The affected steering gears will be replaced.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): Estimated Date of Owner and Dealer Notification

MBUSA estimates owner and dealer notification will begin in January, 2009.

573.6(c)(10): Copies of Communications with Dealers or Purchasers

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in December, 2008. The voluntary recall campaign is expected to commence in January, 2009. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

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573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number is 2008120011.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Diertl", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

FOR FRANK DIERTL

Frank Diertl
General Manager
Engineering Services

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