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**National Highway
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Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

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NVS-215/jtt
08V-564

Re: Safety Recall 08V-564

Dear Urbahn:

We have reviewed the defect information report BMW filed on its model year (MY) 2005 through 2006 HP2 Enduro motorcycles (safety recall number 08V-564). The purpose of this letter is to request further information about the events leading up to BMW's determination that these vehicles had a safety related defect. Please respond to the following items of inquiry no later than **three weeks from the date of this letter**. Please organize your response such that each item of inquiry is repeated before your response to that item.

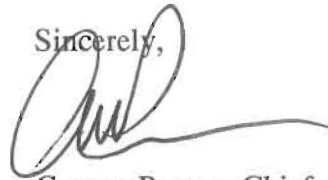
1. BMW said that it became aware of performance problems with the front threaded fasteners as a result of "normal quality control monitoring processes including the receipt of two field reports." Please identify and describe the normal quality control monitoring processes to which BMW is referring, providing in your response all dates of any relevant discoveries, findings, events, testing, or conclusions.
2. Provide a summary of the facts, events, conclusions, and any other material pertinent to BMW's investigation or analysis of the defect, in the two field reports that are referenced in BMW's report. Provide copies of each of these reports and state when BMW received each.
3. BMW related in its report that "subsequent investigations and analyses resulted in a determination of the specific problem and the range of potentially affected motorcycles." Please identify and describe the investigations and analyses to which BMW is referring, including in your response all dates of relevant testing, analysis, findings, or conclusions.
4. BMW said that it has received two reports of accidents potentially related to this defect. Please provide a summary of each of these accidents. Provide copies of each of these reports and state when BMW received each.

This letter is issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166 which authorizes the NHTSA to request any information that it deems necessary in administering and enforcing the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1969, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 30101, et seq. Failure to respond promptly, truthfully, and completely to this letter and the inquiries made herein could subject BMW to significant civil penalties and/or a claim for injunctive relief.

If BMW claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1905, the company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, to the Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. Please see 49 CFR Part 512 for further instructions as to what is required to properly file a request for confidential treatment.

Please direct your response to Jennifer Timian of my staff, and note conspicuously on your response the safety recall number assigned to this matter (e.g., 08V-564). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Timian on (202) 366-0209 or by email at jennifer.timian@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division