BMW Group

July 27, 2009

Mr. Daniel Smith Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20590



Re: Recall Campaign

Rear Brake Discs

2009 BMW X5 SAV, X6 SAV Supplemental Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573.

Please note that this is to supplement our June 25, 2009 report which, in accordance with Section 573.6(b), contained information pertaining to Section 573.6(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(5).

Pursuant to Section 573.6(c), we submit the following information.

1. <u>Manufacturer</u>: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)

Designated Agent: Jan Urbahn

BMW of North America, LLC

Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677

2. <u>Make</u>: BMW

Model Year / Model: 2009 / BMW X5 SAV, X6 SAV

Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: May 22, 2009 – June 1, 2009

3. The number of vehicles affected is approximately 96.

4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the problem is believed to be on the order of 10%.

5. The problem involves the rear brake discs. The rear brake discs may not have been manufactured according to specifications. Specifically, cracks may have formed on the brake discs during manufacturing. As a result, a reduction in braking performance at the affected rear wheel could occur. In an extreme case, the affected rear brake disc could break resulting in a loss of braking at that wheel.

The name, business address, telephone number, and contact person of the rear brake disc supplier is:

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6. BMW became aware of this matter through its quality control analyses and processes. On June 2, 2009, during internal driving at one of the BMW manufacturing plants, a failure of the brake disc occurred. Immediately, BMW initiated an analysis in order to determine the cause of the brake disc failure. It was determined that, due to problems with brake disc production tooling, cracks could form on the disc during manufacturing. Using production lot information contained on the brake disc, specific brake disc supply chain information was identified leading to the identification of potentially affected vehicles. On June 18, 2009, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall. Note, BMW submitted its initial defect report to NHTSA on June 25, 2009.

BMW has not received any reports, nor is BMW otherwise aware of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

- 7. Not applicable.
- 8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected vehicles. Specifically, the rear brake discs will be inspected, and if necessary also replaced.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in August 2009.

- 9. Not applicable.
- 10. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
- 11. A draft copy of the owner notification letter is attached.
- 12. Not applicable.

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Sincerely,

Jan Urbahn General Manager

Safety Engineering and Intelligent Transportation Systems

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