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

Re: Recall Campaign
Handlebar switches
2009 BMW K1300 S/GT Motorcycles
Initial 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.

Pursuant to Section 573.6(b) of the above, we are submitting the following information pertaining to Section 573.6(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(5).

1. Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)

   Designated Agent: Jan Urbahn
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   Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677

2. Make: BMW

   Model Year / Model: 2009 / K1300 S, GT

   Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: K1300 S Oct 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009
   K1300 GT Nov 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

5. The problem involves the switches on the handlebars for both the direction indicator and the emergency engine-off/engine-start functions. Due to environmental factors such as large changes in temperature and humidity, combined with the material used for both the base layer and the conducting layer of the electrical pathways within the switches, micro-cracks could develop along these electrical pathways. If this occurred, the functionality of the switches could be compromised. In such a case, the directional indicator and/or the emergency engine-off/start functions would be rendered inoperative. In some cases, engine stalling could also result.

In accordance with 49 CFR 573.6(b), further information will be provided to NHTSA as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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