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Dan Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report 09C-2, EPA07 MBE4000 LPFL

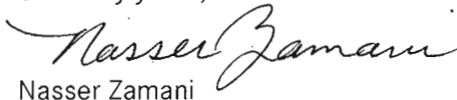
Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 10,222 Freightliner, Sterling, and Western Star vehicles manufactured January 17, 2006, through March 31, 2009, and equipped with EPA07 MBE4000 engines assembled with a plastic low pressure fuel line which may experience leaks due to fatigue cracks caused by stress and vibration combined with high internal pressures.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Brands: Freightliner, Sterling, Western Star

(c)(2) **Vehicles identification:**

Model(s) affected: Freightliner: Cascadia, Columbia, Century, FLD, and M2
Sterling: 8500, and 9500
Western Star: 4900

Model Years affected: 2006 through 2010

Manufacture Dates: January 17, 2006, through March 31, 2009

Basis for determining population: Vehicles equipped with EPA07 model MBE4000 engines built with plastic low pressure fuel lines January 1, 2007 through December 4, 2008

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 10,222
Freightliner: Cascadia -880, Columbia - 3,236, Century - 507, FLD - 379, and M2 - 1,775;
Sterling: 8500 - 1, and 9500 - 3,163; Western Star: 4900 - 281

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 100%

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** The plastic low pressure fuel line may experience leaks due to fatigue cracks caused by stress and vibration combined with high internal pressures

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: If a diesel fuel leak continues undetected under certain conditions fuel may ignite on a hot engine surface and/or fuel may be spilled on the road surface increasing risk of injury.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** Feb 2007 - notification of fuel lines cracking, Aug 2007 - first prototype of steel line tested in Stuttgart, May 2008 - new steel lines tested in DDC, Dec 2008 - steel lines went into production.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not Applicable

(c)(8) (i) **Remedial program:** Plastic low pressure fuel lines will be replaced with steel low pressure fuel lines. Repairs will be performed by Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) Authorized Repair Facilities and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by DDC to do their own warranty repairs

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) **Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately December 4, 2009
Dealer notification will be completed approximately December 4, 2009

(c)(9) **Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable

(c)(10) **Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** 09C-2