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Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
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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 fuel line quickconnector in certain 2009 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

**573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles**

| Make          | Line/Model             | Model Year | Inclusive Dates of Manufacture |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Mercedes-Benz | 550 G-Class, Model 463 | MY 2009    | September, 2008 – May, 2009    |

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

Approximately 352 Mercedes-Benz vehicles are potentially affected in the US.



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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 unknown.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DAG has determined that certain fuel line quickconnectors –located under the vehicle away from the engine compartment and used only in the Mercedes-Benz G-Class – may not have been connected properly on the assembly line and completely seated in the connection. In case of a frontal crash, the fuel pump would no longer function but a partial dislocation of the line could lead to a potential for fuel loss from the line at the quickconnector partial connection.

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

DAG has identified 1 leaking fuel line quickconnector during the routine production quality checks.

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

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to check the connection of the fuel line quickconnectors and install a new clamp to assure the quickconnectors secure connection.

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

MBUSA estimates owner notification will begin in early January, 2010.

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

The voluntary recall campaign is expected to commence in early January, 2010. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

573.6(c)(11): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter

A copy of the owner notification will be provided when available.

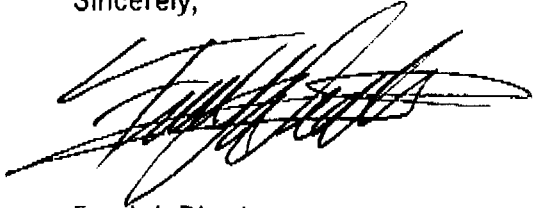
573.6(c)(12): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

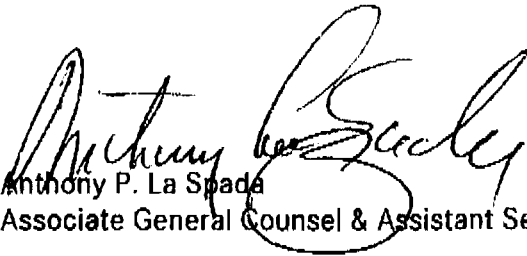
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If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. R. Thomas Brunner at (201) 573-2622.

Sincerely,

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Frank J. Diertl  
General Manager, Engineering Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony P. La Spada", with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Anthony P. La Spada  
Associate General Counsel & Assistant Secretary