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TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers

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RE: Recall Campaign– **Power Lift Gate (Option Code 890), Replace Tail Lamp Seal and Reposition Power Lift Gate Control Module, Model 164, Model Year 2009**

On March 6, 2009 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) will conduct a voluntary Recall Campaign on certain Model Year 2009 M-Class (164) vehicles with regard to the Power Lift Gate. This notification will be posted on the NHTSA web site and may generate some customer questions.

Daimler AG (DAG) has determined that as a result of a faulty seal around the rear tail lamp assembly, water may enter the rear compartment containing the spare tire. In vehicles equipped with the optional power lift gate, the control module for the lift gate is located close to the spare tire compartment and could be exposed to water. Water entering the power lift gate control module can result in disabling of the power lift gate hydraulic unit and, in a worst case, causing a short circuit which could lead to a fire. MBUSA is aware of one vehicle fire that may have resulted from water entering into the power lift gate control module.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC therefore has initiated a recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. The recall work will involve replacement of the seal of the rear tail lamp assembly with a thicker seal and repositioning the affected power lift gate control module inside the chassis.

This Recall Campaign will be launched in April, 2009 and affects approximately 16,130 vehicles in the U.S.

Owner notification will to be sent approximately one week after recall launch.

While we regret any inconvenience this causes, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction.

Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEdes (1-800-367-6372).

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