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October 7, 2010

Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report 10C-6, MBE 900 Reprogramming

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 2,935 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner **C2** and Saf-T-Liner HDX school busses and approximately 62 Freightliner Business Class **M2**, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation MT45 Chassis and **S2** Chassis, and Sterling Acterra vehicles manufactured October 5, 2006 through May 24, 2010, and equipped with an EPA 2007 MBE 900 engine with a defect in engine control software.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

Date: October 7, 2010

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Thomas Built Buses

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Saf-T-Liner C2, Saf-T-Liner HDX School Buses

Model Years affected: 2008,2009,2010,2011

Manufacture Dates: October 5,2006 through May 24,2010

Basis for determining population: All buses containing EPA 2007 MBE 900 engines manufactured October 18, 2006 through July 24,2009

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Detroit Diesel Corporation, C/o Daimler Trucks North America LLC

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 2,935

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

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Engine software may not react properly to certain aftertreatment device fault codes. The software may unnecessarily shutdown a vehicle or may fail to shutdown a vehicle with an aftertreatment device over-temp fault.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Unexpected shutdown of a vehicle may not allow the driver to completely exit the roadway increasing the risk of a crash and overheating of the aftertreatment device without engine shutdown may result in a fire.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: Information will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: NIA

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The vehicle engine software will be updated. Repairs will be performed by Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) Authorized Repair Facilities.
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 TBD

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately TBD

(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: 10C-6