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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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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 diesel fuel filter in certain 2011 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	M-Class, Model W164	2011	March 2010 – October 2010
	GL-Class, Model X164	2011	March 2010 – October 2010
	E-Class, Model W212	2011	July 2010 – September 2010
	R-Class, Model V251	2011	April 2010 – October 2010



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573.6(c)(2)(iv): Manufacturer's Name of Affected Component and Country of Origin

Affected Component – Diesel Fuel Filter
MANN+HUMMEL GMBH
Hindenburgstraße 45
71638 Ludwigsburg, Germany
Telephone 0049-7141-98-0

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

Approximately 2,297 Mercedes-Benz vehicles are potentially affected in the US.

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 2.4%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DAG has determined that during the supplier manufacturing of the diesel engine fuel filter, the O-ring may not have been properly lubricated in all cases. Lack of lubrication can lead to leakage of the fuel filter. As a result, diesel fuel may be deposited on the highway and create the potential for a crash.

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

In July 2010, DAG began receiving a number of field cases in Europe containing complaints from customers indicating leakage of diesel fuel from the fuel filter. DAG proceeded to undertake with its supplier a number of process and part inspections. As a result of these reviews, the company identified the potential for the O-ring not to be lubricated consistently during production at the supplier. The production process was modified on June, 23rd 2010.

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 replace all diesel fuel filters in the identified vehicles.

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

MBUSA estimates owner notification will begin in November, 2010.

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

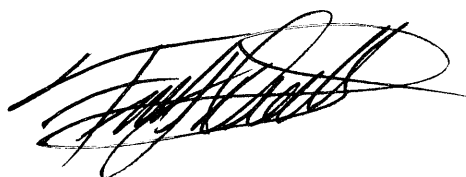
Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in November, 2010. The voluntary recall campaign is expected to commence in November, 2010. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. R. Thomas Brunner at brunnert@mbusa.com.

Sincerely,



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