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Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
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 FL-606, Meritor Driveline

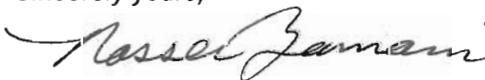
Mr. Smith

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 an estimated 582 Freightliner Cascadia and M2 and Western Star 4900 vehicles manufactured January 11, 2011 through February 21, 2011, and equipped with a Meritor driveline with a defect in a weld seam..

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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

Brands: Freightliner, Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Freightliner Cascadia, M2
Western Star 4900

Model Years affected: 2011, 2012

Manufacture Dates: January 11, 2011 through February 21, 2011

Basis for determining population: Meritor provided serial numbers for the suspect drivelines which were used to identify the vehicles involved.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Meritor, Inc.
2135 West Maple Road
Troy, Michigan 48084-7186

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Estimated at 582

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: "Meritor has determined that approximately 100% of the above mentioned population may exhibit the conditions" Reference NHTSA recall 11E-012.

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Meritor reported "The tubing supplied by ArcelorMittal has nonconforming seam weld with insufficient bonding of the material. This can result in seam weld fracture when torque is applied." Reference NHTSA recall 11E-012.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: A tube seam weld that is not properly bonded can result in the driveline assembly fracturing along the length of the tube seam weld. The fractured tube can twist or sever. This could result in additional damage to the driveline, the vehicle to which it is attached and any additional nearby components. This may increase the risk of a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: In mid March Meritor notified DTNA of a quality issue with certain drivelines. DTNA quarantined the vehicles built with drivelines potentially containing a quality issue and Meritor supplied replacement drivelines. On March 30, 2011 Meritor determined that certain drivelines contained a potential defect related to motor vehicle safety and submitted a Defect Information Report to NHTSA. Reference NHTSA recall 11E-012. DTNA considered the facts of the matter. The advisory committee reviewed the facts and recommended recall consideration to the senior management. DTNA decided to recall affected vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: N/A

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The suspect drivelines will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service 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

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be completed approximately June 26, 2011

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately June 19, 2011

(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: FL-606