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June 20, 2011

Mr. Dan Smith
Associate Administrator
Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St SW
Washington DC 20590

Subject: **Notification of CAT C15 Engine Recall**

Dear Mr. Smith,

On February 28, 2011, Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company (LBCE) received notification from Caterpillar Inc. of a defect in the Diesel Particulate Filter regeneration system in certain Caterpillar C15 Diesel Engines. LBCE was able to identify the cranes, and locations of those cranes, by the engine serial numbers provided by Caterpillar.

Prior to receiving the CAT Safety Product Improvement Program (PIP), LBCE contacted the end users of our products individually through our distributor network notifying them of the issue with the CAT C15 engine. Once LBCE received a copy of the CAT Safety PIP on May 25, 2011, we coordinated the component replacement through our distributors.

However, LBCE cranes are not used as long-haul, over the road-type, vehicles to transport commercial goods. LBCE cranes are normally traveled within the city limits of a town to perform lifts such as setting air conditioning units, roofing material, light steel work, etc. Therefore, the LBCE cranes affected may not have reached the 130,000 mileage criteria for replacing the diesel particulate filter (DPF) regeneration system combustion tube as stated in "ACTION REQUIRED", on page 17 of 24, of CAT Product Improvement Program REBE7031-1.

In accordance with requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and the procedure prescribed in 49 CFR 573, LBCE is providing documentation of the cranes sold to end users in the U.S. To the best of our knowledge, this information is correct.

LBCE Model HTC-3140

LBCE Build No.	Serial Number	LBCE Distributor	End User	CAT Engine Serial Number
J8-000	N/A	Link-Belt (prototype)	(LBCE inventory)	SDP08589
J8-002	J8K0-1348	Mardian (Marco)	Freeport McMoran	SDP22457
J8-004	J8K0-2061	Power Equipment	Schmeeke Bros	SDP22530
J8LB-009	J8K0-1558	CRW	Rozell North LLC	SDP16938

Enclosed, please find copies of the LBCE Safety Notice sent to our distributors.

Please contact LBCE if there are additional requirements regarding this information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Imerman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "I".

Curt Imerman
Manager-Product Safety

Encl: LBCE Safety Notice (HTC-3140/J8K0-1348)
LBCE Safety Notice (HTC-3140/J8K0-1558)
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Safety Notice, Attention Required.

CATERPILLAR Service Letter Media Number REBE7031-00

SERIAL NUMBER(S) AFFECTED: J8K0-2061

The problem is.. Link-Belt has been contacted by CATERPILLAR in regards to their Service Letter:
"PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR INSPECTING THE COMBUSTION TUBE ON CERTAIN C15 TRUCK ENGINES" Media Number REBE7031-00.

There is a potential issue with the weld on the diesel particulate filter combustion tube, which could result in a fire hazard.

What you must do.. Immediately inform your customer with machines on the serial number list of this issue. Have them contact the local CAT distributor, referencing the aforementioned CATERPILLAR Service Letter for further information and instructions.

If you have questions.. Please contact Troy Krumm 859-264-6217 or Frank Snapp 859-264-6221

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CATERPILLAR Service Letter Media Number REBE7031-00

SERIAL NUMBER(S) AFFECTED: J8K0-1348

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CATERPILLAR Service Letter Media Number REBE7031-00

SERIAL NUMBER(S) AFFECTED: J8K0-1558

The problem is.. Link-Belt has been contacted by CATERPILLAR in regards to their Service Letter:
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