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November 10, 2011

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Room: W48-302
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Harris:

Attached is Chrysler Group LLC's ("Chrysler Group") Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a voluntary safety recall.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Linstall
for David D. Dillon

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall

cc: Frank Borris, NHTSA

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573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name, Brand Name

- Chrysler Group LLC, Dodge, Fiat

573.6(c)(2): Identification of Affected Vehicles

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Dodge	Journey	2012	October 24, 2011 – October 26, 2011
Fiat	500	2012	October 24, 2011 – October 26, 2011

573.6(c)(2)(iv): Component manufacturer name, address, telephone number, and country of origin:

Chrysler Group, LLC
Toluca Assembly Plant
Km. 60.5 Carretera Mexico, Toluca
Zona Industrial Toluca
Codigo Postal 50000

573.6(c)(3): Potentially Affected Vehicle Population

340 (estimated)

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Affected Vehicles

100% (approximately)

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect or Noncompliance

Some vehicles were assembled with contaminated brake fluid and may experience a degradation of the sealing components within the brakes system leading to potential loss of braking.

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573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events Leading to Determination of a Safety Defect

- On October 26, 2011 an investigation was started in response to contaminated brake fluid being dispensed into vehicles at the Toluca assembly plant and the yard was placed on hold.
- It was determined that one drum was filled with a red-colored fluid that was suspected to be power steering fluid.
- The brake evac and fill machines were completely disassembled, and replaced all nylon and rubber components as well as replacing the internal tanks. All other components were washed in soap and water then dried thoroughly.
- The line was restarted on October 26, 2011 at approximately 9:30 p.m.
- The suspect vehicle build window is from October 24, at approximately 6:30 a.m., the last known good reading for brake fluid boiling point, to October 26, at approximately 9:30 p.m. when the line was restarted after cleaning evac and fill machines and replacing all rubber and nylon parts.
- This information was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on November 3, 2011, who decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(7): Information Used in Determination of a Noncompliance

Material testing determined the suspect fluid delivered to the brake evac and fill machine did not comply with FMVSS-116.

573.6(c)(8): Description of Remedy

Chrysler Group, LLC will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to replace all brake components that come in contact with hydraulic brake fluid.

Chrysler has a longstanding policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, Chrysler, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send the original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.

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573.6(c)(10): Dealer and Owner Communications

Chrysler plans to begin notification of dealers in November and owners in December of 2011. Chrysler will provide the dealer and owner letters when available.

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

Chrysler has assigned recall number L39 to this action.