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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 2
11V-136 (11C-1, FL-591), Sterling Car Hauler
EPA04 MBE 4000 Low Pressure Fuel Line**

Mr. Smith,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners. Please note that some of the affected vehicle will require a different style fuel pump to be installed in order to accommodate the new fuel lines. These pumps will not be available until mid to late December 2011; therefore owner notification for this campaign will be conducted in two phases.

(c)(3) Phase 1 - Owners of 1,134 vehicles were notified on November 1, 2011

NOTE: *Phase 2- Owners of 879 vehicles will be notified January 2012.*

(c) (10) A copy of communications sent to owners is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
Attachment

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Subject: Safety Recall 11C1
Sterling Car Hauler EPA04 MBE4000 Low Pressure Fuel Line

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This notice is also sent in accordance with the Canada Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2005 through 2007 Sterling L-Line vehicles configured with car hauler bodies and chassis, manufactured from September 13, 2004 through October 10, 2007 and equipped with specific MBE4000 EPA07 engines assembled with a fuel filter mounted at the rear of the engine.

Detroit Diesel Corporation has determined that some certified EPA07 MBE4000 engines were assembled with low pressure fuel lines which may develop leaks. Lower pressure fuel lines between primary fuel pump and engine mounted fuel filter, and upper low pressure fuel line between engine mounted fuel filter and engine block may develop a substantial diesel fuel leak from cracking due to undetermined causes, or from abrasion due to contact with other components. If the condition goes undetected it may result in fuel leaking on the roadway which may create a hazard increasing the risk of a motor vehicle accident.

Please contact a Detroit Diesel Authorized Repair Facility to arrange to have the Recall performed and to ensure that parts are available. To locate an authorized facility, search online at www.detroitdiesel.com/supportnetwork/. The Recall will take approximately 11 hours and will be performed at no charge to you. Also, owners may be liable for any progressive damage that results from failure to complete this recall within a reasonable time after receiving this notification.

IMPORTANT: When the Recall has been completed, please ensure that a label has been affixed to your vehicle referencing 11C1 which is located on the passenger-side door about 12 inches (30 cm) below the door latch.

If you do not own the unit that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within ten days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information on this, contact Warranty Administration at Detroit Diesel Corporation, 13400 Outer Drive West, Detroit, MI 48239 or call (313) 592-3708.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the **Detroit Diesel Customer Support Center**, 13400 Outer Drive West, Detroit, MI 48239, or call (800) 445-1980 between 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday **and** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday Eastern Standard Time. If your dealer or an authorized Detroit Diesel service center fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call 888 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> if remedy difficulties exist. For Canadian customers, please contact our customer service or for additional info about the recall, you can contact Transport Canada at (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.