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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 1
11V-193, FL-588, Sterling Bullet Tie Rod Ends
Interim Notification**

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 copies of documents distributed to dealers and purchasers.

Interim Notification was posted to dealers on March 26, 2011.

(c) (10) Copy of Communications sent to Owners and Dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
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FL588
Interim Notice
NHTSA # 11V-193**

Subject: Sterling Bullet Left Tie Rod Ends

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

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of Chrysler Group LLC, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain Sterling Bullet vehicles manufactured October 15, 2007, through November 10, 2008.

The left outer tie rod end may fracture due to a misalignment condition. Under certain driving conditions, the misalignment may lead to a weakening and eventual fracture of the left outer tie rod ball stud. A fractured tie rod end could cause a loss of directional stability and a vehicle crash.

This is the first of two letters you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall to correct the issue noted above. At this time, replacement parts are not yet available for dealers to order. As soon as parts are available, you will receive a second notice. When you receive it, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall. You may continue to operate your vehicle.

If you do not own the vehicle 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 questions or need further information, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.War.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP, after normal business hours.

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

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