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September 25, 2012

**VIA E-MAIL  
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Eldorado National - California  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Eldorado National - California (Eldorado) has been notified by John Deere Power Systems (John Deere) concerning a safety defect involving engines built between June 2002 and January 2008. John Deere has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this defect. NHTSA has assigned recall number 12E-026 to the John Deere recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by Eldorado were built with John Deere engines that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, John Deere has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective engines. Eldorado will provide John Deere with a list of dealers and owners to assist John Deere in remedying the defect. John Deere will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Eldorado.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Axess	2005, 2008
Transmark XHF	2008
EZ Rider II	2006
EZ Rider II Max	2007-2008

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 102.  
These vehicles were built between April 30, 2005 and June 28, 2008.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective engines. John Deere has determined that failures can occur within the engine turbocharger. The turbine or compressor wheel may fail, resulting in subsequent damage to the engine and/or an oil leak. Detection to the

driver would be immediate poor performance, with black or blue exhaust smoke from the exhaust system, noise, fault code or warning light, smoke, fire or stalling.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Eldorado was notified by John Deere of the defect on September 5, 2012. There have been no reports of accidents or personal injury as a result of this defect on any Eldorado vehicles.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As outlined in the John Deere recall 12E-026 the remedy is unavailable at this time but will be supplied when determined.
- E. Owner and Dealer Notifications. Eldorado will notify the owners and dealers of the buses. Copies of these letters will be sent for approval when the remedy is determined.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. John Deere will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 12E-026. Because the information included by John Deere in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Eldorado buses subject to this recall campaign, Eldorado will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. Eldorado does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Eldorado will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Eldorado with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Eldorado in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-7965 or Tony Wayne, Eldorado National at 905-591-9557.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager