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December 7, 2012

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-636, Sterling 360 – EPA04 4M50 Fuel Lines

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 1,601 Sterling 360 vehicles manufactured January 25, 2006, through January 22, 2007, and equipped with fuel lines which may develop cracks potentially resulting in leaks

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

December 7, 2012

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Mitsubishi FUSO Truck and Bus Corp.
Kanribu Gijutsu-keikaku
Kaihatsu Honbu
10 Okura-cho Nakahara-ku
211-8522 Kawasaki-shi Kanagawa, Japan

Brand Name Owner: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Portland, OR 97208

Designated Agent: Mitsubishi FUSO Truck of America, Inc.
2015 Center Square Road
Logan Twp., NJ 08085
(856) 467-4500

Brands: Sterling

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:
Model(s) affected: 360
Model Years affected: 2007
Manufacture Dates: January 25, 2006, through January 22, 2007
Basis for determining population: All Sterling 360 vehicles equipped with EPA04 4M50 engines
Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: US: 1,601 (Canada 425)

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 0.07%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Fuel lines on certain Sterling 360 vehicles equipped with EPA04 4M50 engines may crack and leak due to improper manufacturing of the fuel lines, and/or inadequate torque applied to the flare nuts.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Fuel leaking in the presence of a high heat source could lead to a fire.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: November 2012, DTNA received notification that Mitsubishi FUSO Truck and Bus Corp had determined that certain Fusco vehicles equipped with EPA04 4M50 engines contained a potential defect with some of the fuel lines. December 4, 2012, DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall of potentially affected Sterling 360 vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

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(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Suspect vehicles will be inspected for leaks. When leaks are present, leaking fuel lines will be replaced. If individual fuel lines are not leaking, the flare nut on the existing fuel line will be retorqued. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately February 5, 2013

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately February 5, 2013

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-636