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March 29, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2013 MY Mitsubishi Outlander Sport Stop Lamp Switch Non-Compliance

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.6 as it relates to a determination by Mitsubishi Motors of a non-compliance involving the brake lamp switch in certain 2013 model year (MY) Mitsubishi Outlander Sport vehicles.

The subject vehicles are manufactured and distributed in the United States by MMNA. This recall campaign will also be launched in Canada.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Swearingen", is written over a light blue circular stamp that is partially obscured.

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**Sec 573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's Name**

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**Sec 573.6 (c) (2) - Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

Certain vehicles of the following model years and manufacturing periods:

Make	Line	Model Year(s)	Manufacturing Period
Mitsubishi	Outlander Sport	2013	June 11, 2012 – September 11, 2012

**Sec 573.6 (c) (3) - Total Number of Vehicles**

Vehicle Line	Number of Vehicles
Outlander Sport	United States – 3,984 / Puerto Rico – 555

**Sec 573.6 (c) (4) - Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Defect**

The percentage of vehicles that may experience the subject condition, while very low, is unknown.

**Sec 573.6 (c) (5) - Defect Description**

Due to an inappropriate setting of the brake stop lamp plunger stroke gap during the assembly process, Mitsubishi Motors has determined that the brake stop lamps in certain 2013 MY Outlander Sport vehicles may illuminate continuously or intermittently in non-compliance with Section 5.5.4 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108. Further, in vehicles experiencing this condition, the shift lever could be moved out of Park without depressing the brake pedal in non-compliance with Section 5.4 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 114.

**Sec 573.6 (c) (6) - Chronological Summary of Events Leading to Determination**

In late August/early September 2012, five vehicles were discovered during the production process and in the shipping yard with the brake lamps illuminated while the vehicles were unattended. MMNA investigated and determined that the brake stop lamp switch installation process had resulted in an out of specification gap setting involving specific vehicles. Analysis determined that even with the excessive gap, however, very few vehicles were affected due to the additional gap setting margin. MMNA manufacturing believed that all affected vehicles had been captured in the production process and at the shipping yard.

Between October 2012 and March 2013, MMNA received a total of 15 warranty claims involving warning lamp illumination (MIL) or brake lamp illumination. It was determined that warning lamp illumination could occur resulting from continuous brake lamp illumination for longer than 6 minutes. Further, it was determined that the



lamp illumination for longer than 6 minutes. Further, it was determined that the continuous brake light illumination was the result of out of specification gap setting involving the brake stop lamp switch.

On March 25, 2013, MMC made a non-compliance determination and advised MMNA to conduct a non-compliance recall.

**Sec 573.6 (c) (8) - Proposed Remedy Description, Reimbursement, and Notification Schedule**

Dealers are to remove and re-install the stop lamp switch in the appropriate manner. There will be no charge to the customer. Pursuant to 577.11(e), MMNA does not intend to provide notice about reimbursement to owners because all involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

MMNA has notified its dealers of this campaign on March 26, 2012. MMNA is working internally to determine the customer notification date and will update accordingly.

**Sec 573.6 (c) (11) - Manufacturer's Campaign Number**

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