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March 2, 2016

Mr. Frank S. Borris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall 15V-286
Certain Toyota, Lexus, and Pontiac Vibe Vehicle Front Passenger Airbags
Part 573, Amended Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Borris:

In connection with the above referenced matter, Toyota has decided to expand the recall range of certain Toyota Corolla, Corolla Matrix, Lexus SC430, and Pontiac Vibe vehicles equipped with dual-stage, front passenger air bag inflators (Takata-designated PSPI-L) and not previously included in 15V-286, the prioritized population of vehicles in areas of High Absolute Humidity (HAH). Other Toyota and Lexus models are not subject to expansion, as they do not contain PSPI-L inflators.

As discussed with the Recall Management Division, the expanded range of vehicles, which include 2008 Toyota Corolla, Corolla Matrix, and Pontiac Vibe models, and 2008-2010 Lexus SC430 models, will be assigned a new recall number by NHTSA for the amended population. To facilitate this assignment, a Part 573 Report will be entered into the agency's portal. The vehicles, ranges, and respective populations indicated in 15V-286 remain separate and unchanged. To this end, the completion rates of the newly added vehicles covered by this amendment will be tracked and reported separately from the population under 15V-286 using the newly assigned NHTSA recall number.

With this expansion, and a similar expansion of 15V-285, all Takata-designated PSPI-L inflators in Toyota, Lexus, and Pontiac Vibe vehicles in the U.S. will be covered by safety recalls. Also, all Takata-designated SPI and PSPI have already been covered by safety recalls.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Abbas Saadat
Vice President
Toyota Motor Engineering &
Manufacturing
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cc: J. Timian

AMENDED DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT (15V-286)

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation [“TMC”]
1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-city, Aichi-pref., 471-8571, Japan

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. [“TMMC”]
1055 Fountain Street North, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N3H 5K2

New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. [“NUMMI”]
45500 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538-6368

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. [“TMS”]
19001 South Western Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

General Motors Corporation Global Headquarters [“GM”]
100 Renaissance Center Drive, P. O. Box 100 Detroit, MI 48265

Manufacturer of Front Passenger Air Bag:

TK HOLDINGS INC. (“Takata”)
2500 Takata Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 248-373-2897

Country of Origin: Mexico

2. Identification of Involved Vehicles:

| Make/ Car Line | Model Year | Manufacturer | Production Period |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Lexus/ SC | 2008 - 2010 | TMC | August 3, 2007 through July 30, 2010 |
| Toyota/ Corolla | 2008 | TMMC, NUMMI | June 1, 2007 through December 21, 2007 |
| Toyota/ Corolla Matrix | 2008 | TMMC | June 1, 2007 though December 18, 2007 |
| Pontiac/ Vibe | 2008 | NUMMI | <u>TBD</u> |

NOTE: (1) Although the involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

This amendment to 15V-286 expands the number of affected Toyota and Lexus vehicles by 65,836 and the number of affected General Motors vehicles by **TBD**.

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

See Takata's Part 573 Reports.

5. Description of Problem:

This is an expansion of 15V-286, the prioritized population of vehicles in areas of High Absolute Humidity (HAH). The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger air bag inflators (Takata-designated PSPI-L) which, according to the Part 573 Reports submitted by Takata (15E-042), may have been manufactured in such a way as to have a potential for the intrusion of moisture over time. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Refer to the letter accompanying this report.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the affected Toyota and Lexus vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota or Lexus dealer, as applicable. For Corolla and SC430 vehicles, the dealer will replace the front passenger airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one. For Corolla Matrix vehicles, the dealer will replace the front passenger airbag assembly with one equipped with a newly specified inflator.

General Motors will notify NHTSA separately of its repair and notification schedule.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

The owner letter will instruct vehicle owners who have paid to have this condition remedied prior to this campaign to seek reimbursement pursuant to Toyota's General Reimbursement Plan.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies for General Motors Vehicles (Pontiac Vibe)

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11, GM will reimburse owners for repairs according to the plan submitted on May 20, 2015.

8. Recall Schedule:

Notifications to owners of Toyota models will occur by mid-March 2016. A copy of the draft owner notification letter(s) will be submitted as soon as available.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent on March 1, 2016. Copies of dealer communications will be submitted as they are issued.