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Cc: ChrisRoth; kdhaut@cs.com; Russ Reinke; Tysen Hissong
Subject: Explanation letter
Attachments: SharpScanner@reinke.com_20120501_131129.pdf

Michael and Jeremy:

Please see attached the letter of explanation that was requested through Ken Haut this morning.

.Thanks.

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Via E-Mail Only

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Re: Status of Reinke Manufacturing Company, Inc. (“Reinke”) Recall

Dear Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a status update concerning Reinke’s recall of certain identified chassis that are equipped with axles supplied to Reinke by Power Products. As you know, these axles come to Reinke “buttoned up” with the bearings, seals, pro-torq nut, hub, drum and braking system installed per the vendor specifications. A list of the relevant chassis serial numbers was sent to you on Friday, April 27, 2012 by Tysen Hissong.

During the month of April 2012, Reinke, along with its supplier, Power Products, and Reinke’s customer, International Equipment Leasing/Dana Leasing (“IEL/Dana”), undertook an investigation concerning a potential defect in the Power Products axle. This issue came to light after Reinke received a report that IEL/Dana’s customer experienced the loss of a set of duals from a chassis built by Reinke. As a part of that investigation, IEL/Dana was asked to inspect certain identified chassis and randomly inspect additional chassis to determine whether the axle defect existed in other chassis.

Based on information obtained from IEL/Dana and Reinke’s additional inspections of Power Products axles in inventory and in production, Reinke determined on April 24, 2012, that a safety defect existed that warranted a recall to address defects in the Power Products axles. Based on that determination, Reinke was required by federal law to submit to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) a “Part 573” report. That report was submitted to NHTSA on April 27, 2012, along with a proposed letter that Reinke intends to send to its customers containing information on inspection, and any necessary repair of the Power Products axle. Federal law requires that Reinke allow NHTSA at least five business days to review and approve the letter before Reinke is permitted to send it to customers. As a result, unless NHTSA grants Reinke permission to mail its letters under an expedited timeline, the earliest they can be transmitted is close of business on Friday, May 4, 2012. Reinke has contacted NHTSA representatives to request an expedited review of the customer letter, but at the present time has not received a response from NHTSA.

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We will continue to keep you informed as we obtain additional information from NHTSA concerning the status of this recall.

Sincerely,

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