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Mr. Ben Rainwater
Vice President,
National Parts & Service
Daewoo Motor America, Inc.
1055 West Victoria Street
Compton, CA 90220

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

Daewoo Motor America, Inc. (Daewoo) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 02V-131.001 and 02V-131.002 (Daewoo de Puerto Rico) who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves a combined population of 70,231 MY 1998 through 2002 Daewoo Lanos passenger vehicles which fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 201, "Occupant Protection and Interior Impact." In the event of a vehicle crash, the air bags may not deploy. The remedy for this recall campaign was to install new energy absorbing air bag mounting brackets. Owner notification began on June 1, 2002.

Through the third quarter of 2003, Daewoo's sixth reporting quarter, Daewoo reports that of the 57,312 vehicles involved in the United States, 19,102 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 34 percent and of the 12,919 vehicles in Puerto Rico, 4,866 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 38 percent.

Daewoo should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Daewoo should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Daewoo's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Daewoo is requested to file one additional quarterly status report.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Daewoo's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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