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February 15, 2013

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email

On behalf of UD Trucks North America and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 573.6, I submit notice that UD Trucks will conduct a voluntary safety recall to address a transmission oil cooler hose retaining ring defect.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim LaFon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim LaFon

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Information Report:

1. Manufacturer: UD Trucks Corporation
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Importer UD Trucks North America, Inc. ("UD Trucks")
7900 National Service Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409

2. Certain 2011, 2012, and 2013 UD2600 and UD3300 Model Trucks equipped with an Allison 3000RDS automatic transmission. The vehicles were identified based on the vehicle build date and the transmission.
3. There are two hundred ninety six trucks affected by the recall that were sold in the United States.
4. The percentage of the trucks containing the defect is 100%.
5. The hose clamp retaining ring that attaches the oil cooler hoses is prone to failure. If this occurs, an oil leak may occur that can potentially cause a large deposit on the roadway, which may present a hazard to other vehicles.
6. Chronology

October 3, 2012	NHTSA contacts UD Trucks and asks for additional information on a field service bulletin
November 9, 2012	UD Trucks provides information as requested
November 27, 2012	UD Trucks Regulatory Affairs group opens safety investigation and meets with NHTSA to discuss additional information
January 28, 2013	Investigation completed, UD Trucks convenes its Product Safety Committee to review information findings. Decision not taken, additional testing required



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February 8, 2013 UD Trucks Product Safety Committee reconvenes to review test results. Determination made that a safety-related defect exists

February 8, 2013 UD Trucks communicates decision to NHTSA

February 15, 2013 573 Defect Report submitted to NHTSA

UD Trucks received eighteen reports in total where the hose clamp retaining ring failed, of which there was only one report where all of the transmission oil cooler's fluid was lost. There have been no reports of accidents associated with this defect.

7. UD Trucks will repair all the affected vehicles by replacement of the hoses.

UD Trucks is collecting delivery schedules on the parts necessary to repair the vehicles and will finalize this information in the next few days. This information will be shared with NHTSA as soon as it becomes available.

An advance copy of the owner notification letter will be sent to NHTSA for review and approval prior to the release. Other associated bulletins such as the repair instructions will be supplied to NHTSA according to the regulations.

UD Trucks will notify NHTSA if a recall number is assigned that differs from NHTSA's identification number.