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November 25, 2013

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-655, Sterling Bullet Tie Rod Ends

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC on behalf of Chrysler Group LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 2564 Sterling Bullet vehicles manufactured October 15, 2007 through November 10, 2008, with a defect in the left outer tie rod assembly.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

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- (c)(1) Chassis Cab Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC
P.O. BOX 21-8004
Auburn Hills, MI 48321
(800) 247-9753
- Brand Name Owner:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219
- Brands:** Sterling
- (c)(2) Vehicles identification:**
Model(s) affected: Bullet
Model Years affected: 2008, 2009
Manufacture Dates: October 15, 2007 though November 10, 2008
Basis for determining population: Chrysler identified the affected vehicles
Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: N/A
- (c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Estimated at 2564
- (c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** Unknown
- (c)(5) Description of the defect:** Chrysler Group LLC has reported that *"Some vehicles may experience a fracture of the left tie rod ball stud resulting in the potential loss of directional stability."* Reference NHTSA recall number 13V-528000.
- (c)(6) Chronology of principal events:** On November 11, 2013 Chrysler Group LLC notified DTNA that it was conducting a recall of certain Dodge RAM vehicles that would include the Sterling Bullet badged RAMs.
- (c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not Applicable
- (c)(8) (i) Remedial program:** DTNA will conduct the recall on behalf of Chrysler Group LLC on any affected Sterling vehicles. A redesigned tie rod assembly will be installed on all affected vehicles. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized repair facilities.
Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed no later than January 24, 2013.
Dealer and distributor notification will be completed no later than January 24, 2013.
- (c)(9) Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable
- (c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-655