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Re: 14E-007 Fifth Quarterly Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2015

Dear Ms. Timian,

Please be advised the Quarterly Report referenced herein has now been filed through our portal account. I apologize for the delay, we had a transition in personnel, and this was missed.

In addition, I would like to confirm that while Gates is continuing to follow through on this recall consistent with Gates' initial notification to NHTSA, the Company has now reached the conclusion that the metal nonconformance identified in connection with this campaign is not a safety-related defect. As previously reported, in the affected water pumps, the pulley or sprocket that turns the timing belt was fabricated of a metal that did not conform to the part's design specifications. Gates has now determined that, although the metal did not conform to the design specification, even long-term use of the water pump will not cause the timing belt to fail before the end of its useful life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Casias".

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