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**Associate Administration for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,
Washington DC 20590**

June 7, 2013**Re: Part 573.6 Defect and Non-compliance Information Report**

Attn: Ms. Jennifer Timian,

We write on behalf of the manufacturer GITI Tire (Fujian) Company Limited and the Distributor, GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.

We refer to certain tires imported into the US, in compliance with ruling 49 C.F.R. Part 573 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation. The following information is related to tires that are manufactured to meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139 (New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles):

(1) 573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's and Distributor's NamesManufacturer

GITI Tires (Fujian) Company Limited
Wushihongpu Industrial Zone,
Putian Meizhou Bay Economic Development Zone,
Fujian Province,
China

Distributor

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(2) 573.6(c) (2) Identification of tires potentially containing the defect

The tires involved can be identified as follows:

Size: RUNWAY P235/60 R16 99T ENDURO 816

DOT: TIN identification code **5WWK00A** and DOT date code **0213**

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(3) 573.6(c)(3) Total number of tires potentially containing the defect

A total of 498 of the subject tires were produced by the manufacturer in China, of which 218 were imported into the USA.

(4) 573.6(c)(4) Percentage of tires estimated to actually exhibit the defect

Approximately 50% of the subject tires may contain the defect.

(5) 573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect

The subject tires may be defective as one of the two molds used to make the tires was not in its normal good working condition. When under severe stress over a period of time, the subject tires may develop a cut in its shoulder sipe which could lead in some cases to a rapid air loss, which may pose a safety risk to motor vehicle.

(6) 573.6(c)(6) Basis for determination of the defect

May 29, 2013: The manufacturer was notified by its representative in Colombia that it had received complaints from dealer that a total of 30 of the subject tires showed sign of air loss at mounting. Investigation by dealer at dealer's premises suggested that there was a defect located inside a shoulder sipe, always at the same position of the subject tires, on the DOT side, on the subject tires made with same mold, and all of them with DOT date 0213.

The investigation information was immediately reported to the manufacturer in Fujian, China. The plant engineers immediately inspected 34 of the subject tires which were still kept at the warehouse of the plant and noticed similar issue with 17 of the subject tires. These subject tires were all cured in the same mold.

May 31, 2013: The plant engineers believed the cause of the defect was due to a metallic piece of the mold that had become loosen which might have created some hidden defect in the subject tires, ranging from a cut in rubber mass to a full penetration through the whole tire. The said mold was used for curing during the period from January 14, 2013 to January 20, 2013 until it was removed on completion of curing of the subject tires for the purpose of certain purchase order. It is clear that tires produced outside this period without using the said mold are not affected.

June 4, 2013: The plant engineers continued with the analysis and inspection from May 31, 2013 and it was concluded that the defect in the subject tires may affect the safety of the vehicle and customers. A decision was reached to recall the subject tires as soon as possible.

(7) 573.6(c)(8) Remedy program

The manufacturer, through the help of its Distributor, GITI Tire (USA), Ltd., has taken initiative to discuss and to conduct a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. The Distributor has taken

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immediate steps to contact the dealers and any other parties (e.g. consumers) who may have purchased the subject tires in the week beginning June 3, 2013 with a view to recover the subject tires and to replace with tires fit for the intended purposes. The manufacturer will also reimburse the costs and expenses incurred by the customers for remedies made prior to the recall where appropriate. Explanations, together with specific guidelines on how to return the subject tires and to obtain replacement tires and reimbursements, will be provided to dealers and customers.

All subject tires recovered from service or in our possession will be scrapped.

(8) 573.6(c)(9) Disposition of tires recalled

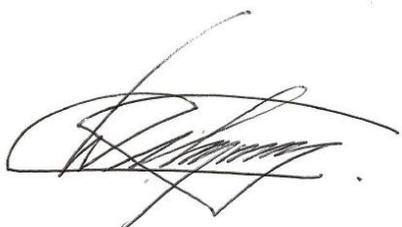
In accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.6(c) (9)(i-iii), the manufacturer will keep its distributor and dealers aware of the requirements in connection with the disposition of tires recalled through a notification letter that will separately be submitted to NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(10) The program for the disposition of all tires recalled will comply with all applicable state and local laws regarding the disposal of such tires and to the extent reasonably practical will be channeled to a category of positive reuse or for purposes beneficial to non-vehicular reuse.

(9) 573.6(c)(10):Owner notification

A representative copy of the letter to be sent to distributor, dealers and/or customers will be submitted to NHTSA when ready.

We trust that you will find the above information sufficient. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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GITI Tire (USA), Ltd.