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Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - DRAFT Q&A for ES 350 Issue.

Hi Denise and Chuck:

As you may have heard, on March 29, 2007, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") opened an investigation called a Preliminary Evaluation on certain 2007 model year Lexus ES 350 vehicles. A Preliminary Evaluation is an early-stage inquiry to determine if further analysis (an Engineering Analysis) is warranted; this is not a recall. We are currently cooperating fully with the agency in its efforts to investigate the allegations.

NHTSA concern

NHTSA is concerned that if the Lexus All Weather Floor Mat (heavy duty rubberized floor mat) is installed on top of the existing Lexus Carpeted Floor Mats, the All Weather Floor Mats would not be secured by the retaining hooks (clips) and may slip forward interfering with the accelerator pedal. NHTSA has received five consumer complaints regarding unintended throttle control in the subject vehicles.

We believe NHTSA may post a cover sheet (brief summary) called an Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) Resume on the NHTSA Defect Investigation website page over the weekend. (Please note that typically the actual inquiry letter with the questions does not come from NHTSA for one to two weeks after the Resume is posted). In anticipation of the Resume being posted, the attached Q&A was developed for responses to inquiries, especially from the media (a copy has been sent to Julie Alfonso and Sam Butto). We are still awaiting final TMC approval of the Q&A, but it has been approved by TMS Legal. As soon as we receive TMC approval, we will let you know.

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