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Dr. Ricardo Martinez  
Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 49 C.F.R. Part 566 Manufacturer Identification

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On behalf of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. ("MBUSI"), I am hereby transmitting to you the enclosed form solely for the purpose of registering MBUSI as a vehicle manufacturer under the Agency's regulations. As you are aware, MBUSI is the contract manufacturing facility for Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), a German corporation, and is beginning production of the new M-Class vehicle. Thus, at the request of MBAG, MBUSI is registering as a manufacturer for purposes of your regulations. Accordingly, the enclosed registration fulfills our commitment to notify the Agency within 30 days of initiating production.

In addition to the foregoing registration, I also wish to bring to your attention the compliance process that MBAG and MBUSI have established and request that your Agency assist in coordinating your Agency's communication. In order to assure uniform compliance with all motor vehicle safety regulations, Mercedes-Benz of North America, Inc. ("MBNA") will be assisting the companies with all safety certification and compliance activities with respect to vehicles manufactured under contract with MBAG at the MBUSI facility. This procedure is identical to that currently used for all other imported Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Accordingly, MBNA has been authorized to carry-out NHTSA-related actions as they relate to the M-Class vehicle. For this reason, and in order to assure a timely response to any notices and inquiries from your Agency, we are hereby requesting that in addition to any original notification to my office, that notification also be sent simultaneously to the following MBNA representative:

Michael J. Jackson  
Executive Vice-President  
Mercedes-Benz of North America, Inc.  
One Mercedes Drive  
Montvale, NJ 07645

NHTSA's cooperation in this matter will assist in assuring a timely and cost effective compliance assurance program.

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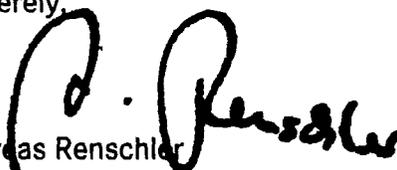
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If you should have any questions with respect to the enclosed filing, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (205) 507-3500.

Sincerely,

  
Andreas Renschler

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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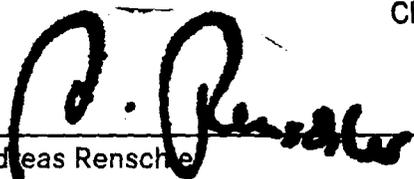
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Dear Dr. Martinez:

Pursuant to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ("NHTSA's") regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 566, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. hereby submits the following information:

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Corporate Name and Address:      | Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc.<br>1 Mercedes Drive<br>Vance, Alabama 35490<br>referred to as "MBUSI"                  |
| Owner of Corporation:            | Daimler-Benz North America Corporation  |
| Regulatory Affairs Contact:      | Mercedes-Benz of North America<br>One Mercedes Drive<br>P. O. Box 350<br>Montvale, NJ 07645-0350<br>ATTN: Mr. Michael Jackson |
| State and City of Incorporation: | MBUSI is an Alabama corporation incorporated in Jefferson County.   |
| Product Manufactured:            | MBUSI is the contract manufacturer of a multi-purpose passenger vehicle classified as the Mercedes-Benz "M-Class."            |
| GVWR:                            | The gross vehicle weight of Mercedes-Benz "M-Class" vehicles ranges between 6,001 to 7,000 lbs.                               |

Signed:

  
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Andreas Renschke

January 16, 1997  
Date

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