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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS CERTIFICATION FOR
ENGINES FOR SPECIALLY PRODUCED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) requested the California Air Resources Board (CARB) consider adoption of new regulations to allow the use of new light-duty vehicle engines to be used by low volume manufacturers of new vehicles that look like previously produced vehicles or specially produced motor vehicles (SPMV). SEMA supported a bill in the United States (US) Congress that paved the way for such a set of regulations nationally. Both US Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration were tasked with developing the emission and safety requirements necessary for manufacturers to produce such vehicles for sale in the United States.

As a result of SEMA's request, CARB has held meetings with interested parties to understand the emissions and On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) issues surrounding the process of certifying a light-duty vehicle engine package for use by low volume manufacturers of SPMV. A SPMV is a turnkey light-duty vehicle or light-duty truck produced by a low-volume manufacturer that resembles the body of a motor vehicle that was produced for sale in the US not less than 25 years ago. The SPMV will be a new vehicle produced for sale to the public. CARB's proposed procedures to certify vehicle engines will include requirements for both the vehicle engine manufacturers and the low volume manufacturers of SPMV. Current emission control requirements for manufacturers of new light-duty vehicles include exhaust and evaporative emissions compliance, OBD, emissions warranty, labeling, and reporting requirements. CARB believes that these requirements will also apply to the SPMV.

A workshop to discuss CARB staff's preliminary proposed certification process is scheduled for the time and place below.

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Details of the workshop are as follows:

DATE: Thursday, August 24, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

Please note that the workshop will also be available via audio conference line and webinar. Prior to the workshop, the call-in details and webinar link will be available on CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermkt/aftermkt.htm#background>

If you need special accommodations or have language needs, please contact Ms. Bonnie Garlow at 626-575-6918, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you cannot attend the workshop and have questions regarding the content that will be discussed, please contact Richard Muradliyan at (626) 575-6798 or by email at richard.muradliyan@arb.ca.gov. If you have difficulties accessing the conference call on the day of the workshop, please call Ms. Bonnie Garlow at 626-575-6918.

We welcome and encourage comments regarding the proposed procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Muradliyan, Air Resources Engineer, at (626) 575-6798 or by email at richard.muradliyan@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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