

# **Attachment 1**

**Honda's**

**September 4, 2003**

**NHTSA Briefing Materials**

**(Includes Confidentiality Request)**

September 26, 2003

Office of the Chief Counsel  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: PE03-039

Dear Chief Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is a Request for Confidentiality for your consideration. This material is related to the above-referenced matter.

Please advise me of your decision on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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Enclosure

cc: Richard P. Boyd

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST  
OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

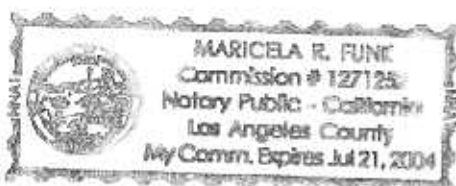
I, William R. Willen being duly sworn, depose and say:

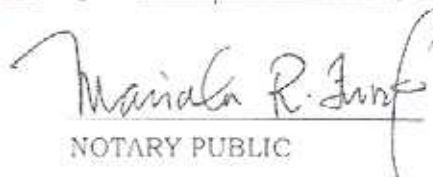
- 1) That I am Managing Counsel of the Product Regulatory Office of the American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and that I am authorized by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and Honda Motor Co., Ltd., to make the following representations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on behalf of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.;
- 2) That certain information contained in pages 4 through 9 and pages 20 through 22 of the meeting presentation material attached herein, is confidential and proprietary data and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by S505(d)(1) of Title 5 of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act). American Honda is informed and believes that the disclosure of this information would result in significant competitive damage to the companies in that it contains proprietary information relating to Honda's production process;
- 3) That I have personally inquired of the responsible Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and Honda R&D Co., Ltd. (Honda), employees who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Honda;
- 4) That based upon the responses to such inquiries, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information for which Honda has claimed confidential treatment has not been, and is not intended to be, released by Honda, to any person, organization or government agency or body outside Honda, its subsidiaries, affiliates, or contracted vendors;
- 5) Based on information and belief, none of the documents listed in the presentation materials have been released outside of the governmental entities to which they were supplied;
- 6) That I make no representations beyond those contained in the affidavit and in particular I make no representations as to whether this information may have become available outside of Honda and its subsidiaries, because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure except as stated in Paragraph 4; and
- 7) That the information contained in the enumerated paragraphs of this affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.



William R. Willen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of September, 2003.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC