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Responsibility for the public information of the public- oriented test projects.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the present situation, with intense public discussions about the real driving emissions (RDE) of passenger cars, several official information organizations desire to perform tests at AFHB, an independent Swiss official laboratory. On this occasion I would like to clarify the position of AFHB, concerning the responsibilities of public information as follows:

- The tests program is designed and guided by the customer and not by AFHB. AFHB only leases the chassis dyno and the measuring services to the customer. The technical test reports present and confirm the results obtained in our laboratory. However AFHB makes no additional judgments, or analyses about the results themselves.
- The information published by the customer can be used by other journalists and represented in another way as intended by the customer. In some information flow, the facts may be, for different reasons, distorted, made incomplete, or tendentious.
- Important results from a single vehicle have to be confirmed, respectively clarified in more tests and with more vehicles.

We believe that these statements can help to clarify the position of AFHB concerning the public information, as follows: responsibility of AFHB about evaluation, representation and quality of results, reporting to the customer; responsibility of the customer (official information organizations) communication to the public.

AFHB prefers not to be mentioned as a source of any commentaries in any public information activities of the customer. The customer takes all responsibilities about the public discussions and clarifications resulting from his communication activities.

With best regards

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