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Dear Simas,

AXN Heavy Duty has determined that we have had a possible error in the installation of the Stemco "Pro Torq" spindle nut on axles that were assembled for Hercules between January 1, 2018 and July 28, 2018. As such, this letter serves as a safety inspection and/or recall notice for the axles described below.

The potential defect is that the locking tab was either not installed or not fully engaged in the locking mechanism of the spindle nut. This error could result in a possible wheel off occurrence. We are providing Hercules Enterprises with the list of axle serial numbers that we believe could be affected. We are asking Hercules Enterprises to locate and examine internally or to locate the end customer and have the "Pro Torq" nut inspected to ensure proper installation. We have attached the procedures to be followed and ask that inspection sheets that we have provided be completed and a copy returned to AXN. AXN Heavy Duty will assume the financial responsibility to have the scope of axles inspected and corrected where necessary.

We are obligated to advise you that selling or leasing trailers with the potentially affected axles before they have been inspected, cleared, and remedied if necessary, could be a violation of federal law. Again, we apologize for the need to have these inspected.

If you have any questions or need further guidance please contact me at 214-385-6988 or jlogan@axnheavyduty.com.

Sincerely

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