Attachment 1:  

List of Questions for New Manufacturers

To determine your manufacturer status for EPA’s/CARB’s emission certification program, please answer the following questions:

1) What are the specific details of the vehicles/engines that you intend to certify, such as vehicle/engine type, fuel type (gasoline, diesel), exhaust and evaporative emissions control devices, etc.? Please provide brochures, pictures, copies of owner's manuals, repair manuals, warranties, emission labels, and any sales or promotional information available to the public or other readily available materials which would be useful in explaining your products.

2) How will your products be manufactured? Provide a brief description of the manufacturing process for these vehicles/engines, including how, when, where and by whom the vehicles/engines are initially manufactured or assembled; how, when, where and by whom the vehicles/engines will be modified (if applicable) following initial assembly. Also describe briefly how, when, where and by whom the vehicles/engines will be tested for emissions. Briefly describe the test facility to be used for certification testing, including the type of dynamometer used and the test procedures used for certification testing.

3) What are the anticipated combined U.S. sales of vehicles/engines you intend to certify during the model year in question? Please provide breakdown sales numbers for each vehicle or engine category (such as ATVs, off-highway motorcycles, etc.)

4) Is your company linked to any other automobile manufacturing or importing company? For example, does your company lease, operate, control, supervise, or own part of another company which manufactures, imports, or certifies recreational vehicles? Does some other company lease, operate, control, supervise, or own part of your company? If so, what is the name of the company, the percent ownership, and the company's projected, combined U.S. sales of all recreational vehicles for the model year?

5) If the original manufacturer of the vehicles that you intend to certify makes production changes during the model year after certification, how will this information be made available to EPA/CARB for updating the application for certification you must submit to obtain your certificate of conformity? Describe the method used by the original manufacturer to notify you of any running changes made to the vehicle.

6) What assurances do you have of the durability of your emission control systems? How do you plan to demonstrate to the U.S. EPA/CARB that the control system technology described in your application which you intend to certify will meet emission standards throughout the specified useful life period?

7) What assurances do you have to confirm that production vehicles/engines will be identical in all material respects to the motorcycles described in application for certification?
8) Have you derived, or will you derive, deterioration factors (DFs) from the mileage accumulation, and associated testing, of a durability-data, or do you request to use EPA-assigned deterioration factors for the model year you wish to certify?

9) Are you aware of your obligation as a manufacturer to warrant, and will you warrant, the emission control system for the useful life of the vehicles/engines in accordance with the warranty requirements set forth in Section 207(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7541(a))?

10) How do you plan to demonstrate to the U.S. EPA that in-use emission non-compliance problems, if any, will be corrected in a timely manner? Provide a detailed description regarding your plans to track the vehicles/engines sold in the U.S., to handle customer complaints, to track warranty claims, and to submit required Defect Reports to the U.S. EPA.

Are you an authorized representative for this manufacturer? Please appropriate documentation such as your contractual agreement with the manufacturer that provides you with the authority to work with that manufacturer or a letter on manufacturer letterhead signed by a high-level official from that company.